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Christian Neighbors hosts Back to School Celebration

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

With July drawing to a close, the start of a new school year is creeping ever closer.

Otsego Public School's first day of classes is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 19, while Plainwell Community Schools will welcome students back on Monday, Aug. 25.

And to help make heading back to school as smooth as possible for students and their families, Christian Neighbors is hosting a Back to School Celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The event will include various activities for children as well as sno-cones for the whole family.

Another highlight of the event is a backpack/school supply giveaway.

"There is always a need for help with back to school supplies, especially backpacks," Christian Neighbors program director Kim Shafer said. "So wanted to have an event that provided a fun way to distribute the backpacks and give families a chance to spend time together before school starts back up."

Backpacks will contain a variety of school supplies and be sorted into grade level.

"We will also have information available about our food pantry and services and other area agencies will be on hand as well to talk about their programs, including Community Action of Allegan County and AAESA Early Education," Shafer said. "We want to make sure families are aware of and have access to the services they need, along with school supplies.

"Children learn best when they have access to things like food and school supplies. The mission of this celebration is to not only offer a fun activities for local families, but to also give them access to any needed resources."

The Back to School Celebration is open to everyone, with those planning to attend asked to register at http://bit.ly/4o9K4KV.

"We would like to recognize North Point Church in Plainwell for gathering and donating all the backpacks," Shafer said. "We would also like to recognize the Bennett Family Agency in Plainwell for sponsoring the event so we can provide fun activities and the cost of the sno-cones."

Back To School Celebration

Fun Activities * Sno-Cones * Backpack Giveaway

Tuesday, August 12th

1:00pm-3:00pm

Christian Neighbors
282 12th Street, Plainwell

Join us for this fun event—drop in anytime during the hours above and enjoy a hands-on activity for the kids, sno-cones for the whole family, and backpacks (with supplies) for those who need one.

Register by clicking HERE or by scanning this QR code.

Special thank you to North Point Church for donating the backpacks!

Thank You Bennett Family Agency for sponsoring this event!

BENNETT FAMILY AGENCY

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Weather alters plans for Island City Festival

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The potential for some rainy weather led to changes for this year's Island City Festival.

Most of the festival—originally scheduled to take place in and around downtown Plainwell on Saturday, July 26—was moved inside Plainwell High School's athletic building. The Car, Motorcycle and Tractor Show was pushed back a week to Saturday, Aug. 2.

"A huge thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the fun," festival organizers said in a statement. "Whether you shopped with our vendors, cheered on the weightlifting competition, grabbed something tasty from the food trucks or sang along during the incredible dueling pianos show featuring Matt Giraud and Brian Griffin, we're so glad you joined us."

The revamped festival schedule featured vendor booths, the DCS Power Lifting Challenge, a kid zone and dueling pianos with Brian Griffin and Matt Giraud.

"Even though the weather held out (mostly), we want to give a big shout out to Plainwell Schools and the City of Plainwell for jumping in without hesitation when the forecast had us scrambling for backup plans," organizers said. "Your support made all the difference.

"We're especially grateful to our zone sponsors: Commonwealth Financial, Hytech and Jacob Large Allstate. Thank you for helping make today's activities possible."

The location (211 N Main St.) and schedule (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) for the Car, Motorcycle and Tractor Show is the same as originally planned, just a week later.

Those participating in the show are required to make a donation, which will be given to Wings of Hope Hospice. Donations will be collected at the gate, with gates open at 8 a.m.

The first 100 entries will receive a special dash plaque for participating.

Show prizes will be announced at 11:30 a.m.

Burnett appointed to 57th District bench

By Gari Voss

Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced on July 21, 2025, the appointment of Christopher Burnett to complete the Honorable William A. Baillargeon's term on the Allegan County 57th District Court bench.

Burnett is a resident of Allegan and has worked as an attorney at Burnett and Kastran, P.C. since 2005. Currently, Burnett serves as a board member on the Streidl scholarship committee and previously served as a member and chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals in Allegan. Burnett is a member of the Allegan County Bar Association, where he has served as president, vice president, and treasurer.

"As a lifelong resident of Allegan County, it is my highest honor to be appointed to serve as a District Court Judge for the community in which I live and have built my career over the last 20 years," said Burnett. "My dedication to dignity and justice will help me while serving as the next Allegan County District Court Judge."

Burnett attended Michigan State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Finance, then earned a Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law.

While with Burnett and Kastran, P.C., Burnett primarily concentrated on litigation including criminal defense work, family law, juvenile law and divorce for both jury and bench trials. The 57th District Court judgeship will require knowledge and skill in all of these areas and more.

Christopher Burnett

The 57th District Court in Allegan County, Michigan handles a variety of legal matters, including civil cases involving amounts up to $25,000, criminal cases, and traffic violations. Civil cases also include small claims less that $6,500, landlord / tenant disputes, land contract disputes, and personal property recovery. Criminal cases cover misdemeanors, felonies, traffic violations related to speeding and drunk driving, arrest and search warrants, and arraignments and preliminary examinations for misdemeanors and felonies. In addition, the 57th District judge can conduct marriage ceremonies, hear appeals, supervise individuals on probation, manage jury selection and service, and provide support to the Legal Assistance Center at the courthouse.

The appointment will begin August 4, 2025, and expire at noon on January 1, 2027. This means that Burnett will need to decide if he wishes to seek a full term by running in the 2026 election cycle.

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Visitors plentiful at antique show, sidewalk sales and more

By Gari Voss

The fun began on Thursday, July 24, 2025, and gathered momentum into Sunday, July 27th. The Allegan shops had good "foot traffic" on Friday, and activity increased on Saturday as non-profits and organizations set up booths with activities along the sidewalks from Trowbridge to Locust to Brady and Hubbard Streets.

Visitors to Allegan could enjoy the art activities at Cottage Arts on Hubbard then follow sidewalk chalk arrows led past Beyond Bones (Yes, they were open for the weekend.) to the Bounce House sponsored by the Tiki Kut Salon at Mahan Park on Brady Street. Kids could tumble through the Fire House with the Allegan Area Fire Department on Brady, then wander to Locust St. to catch ducks with Hungry for Christ, and spin the prize wheel with the Allegan Jaycees who were having their own birthday bash. The crowds gathered on Trowbridge Street to admire the many snakes and turtles that Kora and Keith Sweet were willing to share.

The Saturday sales dodged the rain, but not long after Tantrick's Birthday Celebration began on the Riverfront, the rain came. But never worry, by 6:15ish, the rain ceased, and the music lovers began arriving with their chairs and munchies to enjoy the evening.

Music at Mahan had chosen to move their concert to the First Presbyterian Church which gave music lovers an opportunity to stop at the Antique Sale that was open in the church's undercroft.

Allegan did not slow down on Sunday as the Allegan County Fairgrounds opened for the Allegan Antique Show and First Presbyterian Church continued their sale.

Young people of all ages spun the wheel at the Allegan Jaycees Booth then chose a prize of their liking during Saturday, July 19th festivities in Allegan.

Tiki Kut Salon moved to Mahan Park and gave children an opportunity to enjoy the Bounce House while parents and siblings checked out the tables.

Even entrepreneurial youth set up booths and sold handmade items during Allegan's Sidewalk Sales Family Day on July 26, 2025.

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Visitors plentiful at antique show, sidewalk sales and more

The Allegan Riverfront was busy with Corn Hole, Darts, Disc Golf and Stein holding, then the sky opened, and the drops gushed. The rain took people inside during Tantrick's 7th Birthday Celebration in the early evening of July 26, 2025, but no one seemed to mind as there were appetizers, a strawberry shortcake bar, and blind beer tasting along with favorite drinks

Cold Leather Seats moved from Mahan Park to the First Presbyterian Church on Sat., July 26th to avoid the rain. The crowd enjoyed their sweet vibes, and many took time to peek in on the Antique Sale that had been in progress throughout Sidewalk Sale Days.

Santa visits Allegan splash pad

Santa Claus made a surprise visit last week at the City of Allegan splash pad where he was the center of attention amongst the many children cooling off at the riverfront location. Photos by Julie Hotchkiss

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Community Events

Community Calendar - Week of July 28, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Wed., July 30, 2025, 12-1pm: Community Information Exchange (CIE) Meeting
ACCF Office 112 Locust St. Allegan
Thurs., July 31, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Addison Agen & Rachael Davis
City Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
Fri., Aug. 1, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Kyle Brown & the Human Condition
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Fri., Aug. 1, 2025, 9:30pm: Mx. Allegan Pride Pageant 2025!
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 8am: Badges & Bravery, Run & Ride
Allegan Sports Complex Allegan
Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 1 - 11pm: Allegan Out Loud!
Allegan Riverfront Plaza Hubbard St. Allegan
Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 7pm: Music at Mahan – The Whateverly Brothers
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 6-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave & 56th St.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., July 30, 2025, 10am: Play Café
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
Caregivers can enjoy a cup of coffee while little ones play.

Wed., July 30, 2025, 12-1pm: Community Information Exchange (CIE) Meeting
ACCF Office 112 Locust St. Allegan
Time to share and learn in a collaborative community. Questions, email info@alleganfoundation.org or call 269-673-8344.

Thurs., July 31, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Parking Lot on Water and Cutler Streets
Buy local and enjoy…

Thurs., July 31, 2025, Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories, songs & fun.
6pm: Sound Immersion Therapy – All can bring a yoga mat, pillow & feel cozy. Register at 673 673-4625.

Thurs., July 31, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Addison Agen & Rachael Davis
City Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
Enjoy some original Nashville music.

Fri., Aug. 1, 2025, 2-5pm: Car Seat Safety Check Event
Hopkins Fire Department Hopkins
Have a free car seat inspection and installation by a certified technicians.

Fri., Aug. 1, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Kyle Brown & the Human Condition
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy some Folk.

Fri., Aug. 1, 2025, 9:30pm: Mx. Allegan Pride Pageant 2025!
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
The 4th Annual PRIDE in Allegan will include an evening Adult Only Pride Pageant with fun for all.

Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 8am: Badges & Bravery, Run & Ride
Allegan Sports Complex Allegan
3 Bike Routes and 2 Runs to gather money for the Children of Safe Harbor. Register at safeharborcac.org/event/badges-and-bravery/.

Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 10am: Drone Club
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come and enjoy learning to fly drones.

Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 11am-2pm: Sylvia's Place Annual Carnival
Wolf Farms Windy Ridge 517 16th St. Byron Center
Enjoy a day outside playing games and having fun. Go to https://alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar/#event=78061366;instance=20250802110000?pop-up=1&lang=en-US to volunteer & find information.

Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 1 - 11pm: Allegan Out Loud!
Allegan Riverfront Plaza Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy celebrating unity and acceptance with dignity, respect and love.

Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 7pm: Music at Mahan – The Whateverly Brothers
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great Acoustic classics.

Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, 6-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave & 56th St.
Aug. 2nd, enjoy Michael Hulett and Smoke'n Joes Barbeque

Mon., Aug. 4, 2025, 6pm: Cricut for Beginners
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
All are welcome to come and create a tote bag. Register at 269 673-4625.

Mon., Aug. 4, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Tues., Aug. 5, 2025, 10:30am: Lapsit Storytime
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
0-2 year olds can enjoy stories, songs & fun.

Tues., Aug. 5, 2025, 5-9pm: Wayland Block Party
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Tues., Aug. 5, 2025, 6pm: National Night Out
Fennville will be alive with neighbors meeting neighbors and law enforcement.

Wed., Aug. 6, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Sing Song Family Yoga & Literacy – learn with Deb Weiss-Gelmi
6pm: Pintesting: Beaded Tassel Necklace – work while chatting. Register at 269 673-4625.
6pm: Sigle Worms Play 'N Learn – Ages 0-3 can enjoy stories, songs & activities.

Wed., Aug. 6, 6-8pm & Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 1-3pm: Hydrangeas
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn to paint hydrangea! All materials and instruction provided. No previous art experience is required for this class. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Parking Lot on Water and Cutler Streets
Buy local and enjoy…

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories, songs & activities.
6pm: Intro to Henna – Henna Artist Allison Loraine will assist 12 years & up with designs. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 6-8pm: Eccentric Garden Plant Workshop
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubard St. Allegan
For more information, call 269-512-7016.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Steel City Rovers
City Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
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Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 70pm: Allegan Jaycees GMM
The Sassy Olive Locust St. Allegan
All young adults 18-40 are invited to the General Membership Meeting and join in creating positive change in the community.

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 4pm: Teen Outdoor Game Night
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
6th – 12th graders will enjoy a variety of games outside.

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 5-9pm: Movies After Dark
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Zion Lion
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy some Raggae.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 9am: Cemetery Symposium
Oakwood Cemetery 341 Western Ave. Allegan
Join us for a day of learning in the cemetery. Topics include geology, cemetery iconography and history, White Bronze monuments, gravestone carving and gravestone restoration. This is a free event, but registration is requested at Friends of the Oakwood Cemetery.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 10am: Pokemon Community Day
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
Begin at the library and battle around town.

Sat., Aug. 9 & Sun., Aug. 10, 2025, 10am-6pm: Downtown Sidewalk Sales
Downtown Fennville shops and vendors.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – Carrie McFerrin
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great country.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 7-9pm: Johnson Brothers Texas Storm
Sandy Pines Phase 1 Outdoor Pavilion
This concert is for members, campers and registered guests.

Mon., Aug. 11, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Wed., Aug. 13, 2025, 6-8pm: Door Mats
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Have some fun creating a custom door mat! Materials are provided for 6. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

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Email: oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com Webpage: www.alleganoldjail.com

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Lutheran Church 631 Grand Street Allegan
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Blessed Sacrament Church 110 Cedar St. Allegan
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108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
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FOOD

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Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan
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Christian Neighbors, SE
282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

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122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

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Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
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Epiphany Lutheran Church
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Traverse City violence too close to home- action needed

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

Here we go again. This time it is too close to home. Another alleged nut-job gone crazy injuring a dozen people, some critical at a Wal Mart, not with a gun, but with an ordinary pocketknife. If it weren't for Marine veteran Derrick Perry, who pulled out his legal concealed weapon and a couple other brave fellows, others could have been hurt by 42-year-old Bradford Gille.

This time, the incident occurred in Traverse City, a beloved Lake Michigan resort town more associated with cherry festivals and tranquil bay views than gunfire and chaos. Yet in late July, it joined a long, tragic list of American communities torn by a mass violence incident.

While details of the Traverse City shooting are still emerging, what's clear is that the emotional scars will linger far longer than the headlines. Residents are reeling, families are grieving, and yet again, a community is left asking: How did this happen here?

The uncomfortable truth is that there are fewer places in the U.S. where it doesn't happen. In fact one of the last place places I would ever suspect an incident like this is Traverse City.

Mass shootings and other forms of public violence are now so frequent that they barely disrupt the national rhythm of news cycles. They happen in schools, grocery stores, malls, parades, and churches. The settings vary, but the aftermath is always the same: stunned faces, candles and flowers, politicians offering condolences — and a paralyzing lack of action.

We've become a nation where violence in public spaces is as American as fireworks on the Fourth of July. Even our president has been the victim of two assassination attempts. And that should chill us to the bone.

What happened in Traverse City isn't an isolated incident. It's part of a broader, troubling trend of societal breakdown. Mental health crises, ideological extremism, and a pervasive sense of alienation are converging into a volatile and deadly mix. Many of the perpetrators of these incidents are young men, often with prior red flags, acting out in anger, desperation, or delusion.

So, what can be done?

The answer is not simple, but it is urgent. We need a multi-pronged approach: sensible gun reform that respects rights while keeping weapons out of dangerous hands (the keyword is sensible, I am not advocating taking guns out of the hands of responsible citizens); more robust mental health infrastructure; renewed community investment; and a media and social environment that does not glorify violence or deepen division.

At the heart of it all, though, we need to confront an uncomfortable cultural truth: America has a problem with violence. It's embedded in our mythology, our politics, and too often in our entertainment. Until we, as a nation, begin to value peace and human life above ideology and profit, Traverse City will not be the last headline of its kind.

The people of Northern Michigan are strong, and they will heal. But they should not have to. Not like this. Not again.

It's time we stopped accepting mass violence as inevitable and start treating it like the national emergency it truly is.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

We often ask each other, "What are your plans for today?" which really means "What are your goals to accomplish and then check off your to-do list?" Or we ask ourselves about our plans for the day. Is there another way of inquiring about short term goals? Perhaps you do that with some of the people in your life. It is in part a way of checking in, making sure our calendars are coordinated. Or it might be a very nice way of nagging someone about a job left undone for the past weeks or months.

New Year's Resolutions are another form of goal setting. We tell ourselves, perhaps sharing it with others, that this year I am going to lose weight, save more money, spend less, or do this, that, and the other things. Psychologists tell us that often we begin straying from our goals before the end of January. That's when we start looking for another important date, perhaps a birthday or anniversary or an important holiday, to provide us an opportunity for a 'do over.'

Goals are important for us, but I have come to believe, they are successful only when they lead to some serious thinking about our greater purpose in life. Having a purpose or reason is more important than we realize.

Let's say last January you set a goal of earning and saving a specific amount of money. Good. That is always a wise thing to do, but what is the purpose? Unless your late business partner was Jacob Marley and your name is E Scrooge, having an ever-larger hoard of money doesn't bring much joy to life. After a while, the goal has lost its meaning because we don't have a good answer for all the work. It can lead to giving up or becoming obsessed with work and money.

Having a purpose means answering the omni-present question of 'why.' Why am I doing this? What is its purpose? If we have no answers, at worst, then like the anonymous writer of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, we will start moaning, "All is vanity." Trust me, that is the fast track to a miserable life. We end up feeling like we are simply taking up real estate and resources more than truly living.

Perhaps instead of starting with our short-term goals, we need to look at the big, challenging, and long-term question of our purpose in life. What is the one great thing that gives meaning to getting out of bed in the morning? What is the one thing that puts a smile on our face when we slide between the sheets that night?

If we are lucky, we might have more than one thing that gives a sense of purpose. For example, you add a pet animal into your household. Now you have a new purpose in life: the well-being of that animal. Or you fall in love and enter into a long-term relationship. Now, the overriding purpose in life is mutual happiness. Or it could be something else. Your purpose directs your goals.

O. Henry's short story, The Gift of the Magi perfectly explains it. A young, impoverished married couple wants to give each other a meaningful gift for Christmas as a tangible expression of their love. Each of them sacrifices something very important to make a great good possible. All of their thoughts and action becomes purpose put into action.

The first challenge might be to understand and articulate what we believe is our purpose in life; the second is to figure out what to do when circumstances radically change. Among the more common changes might be when a spouse dies, when the children leave home and the parent(s) become empty-nesters, or retirement. In all of these situations we find a large part of our identity in our relationship with other people who are supreme importance to us. When that relationship changes we have to find a new purpose.

Finding that purpose is perhaps one of the most important things we can do, and it is not easy if we have been forced to deal with new circumstances in life. From the start, we are cut loose from an older pattern of life, and some of our responsibilities disappear. Old goals become all but meaningless, and yet we are stuck with each new set of twenty-four hours.

Until we find a new purpose it is far too easy to lapse into a meaningless routine of filling up the hours. The world provides us with no end of time-wasting opportunities - television, the internet, too much food and drink, and more. We develop what psychologists describe as Brain Rot where we lose our motivation to do anything. We stay isolated from others, we yield to all of the click bait on the computer or television and quit thinking and doing. It is no way to live, and we know it.

Or perhaps we yield to the temptation of thinking of any sort of action has having a purpose. My father had a number of retired friends who would get together every morning for coffee, and the initial conversation was always, "So, what's new?" They would have their coffee, talk, and go on their way. Then, later in the afternoon the same fellows would meet at the same diner for coffee and ask what was new since the last saw each other a few hours earlier. Yes, they were in motion, but that was it.

It might take time, and there might be a few false starts, but we have to keep working at finding that one great thing that gives purpose to our life. Fortunately, there are plenty of good examples of how to change.

Dale Carnegie wrote of the day President Theodore Roosevelt visited the construction site of the National Cathedral. He spotted three workmen and asked what they were doing. The first said he was stacking stones for the masons to use; the second said he was moving a stack of stones from one place to another. The third paused, stood up straight, smiled broadly and said, "I am helping to build the greatest cathedral in the world." You and I know it is the third man, doing the same work as the other two, who found his purpose in life.

A man I truly admired, Ed Gardener of Clover Lick, West Virginia, had spent his entire professional career working at the Green Bank Observatory. Then he retired. Instead of joining 'the boys' as he called his fellow retirees, for coffee every morning, he bought a banjo and taught himself how to play Clawhammer or frailing style banjo. He dedicated himself to it, practicing several hours each day. Soon after, he took lessons from Dwight Dillard at Hillsboro, learning from one of the finest clawhammer musicians in the country. Once Ed learned it, he and his banjo started going to nursing homes to entertain others, and he started teaching the style to youngsters.

When asked why he did it, he explained that he wasn't interested in winning competitions or making a record of his music. He wanted to put smiles on the hearts of others, entertain people a bit, and maybe help them forget their troubles so their life would be better.

There is a pattern here. We cannot afford to wait until a purpose drops into our lap. We have to go in search of it, grasp it, and take action.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Superintendent urges voters to support Fennville millage

To the Editor:

As Superintendent of Fennville Public Schools, I am writing to urge all residents to support the upcoming school millage vote on August 5, 2025. This critical measure is not a new tax, but rather the continuation of vital funding that directly impacts the quality of education and opportunities we can provide for our students. We are asking voters to approve an extension of the current millage rate that would even include a net decrease for most property taxpayers if approved.

The current millage has been instrumental in allowing us to maintain our facilities, ensure our facilities are safe and conducive to learning, and expand student learning spaces both indoors and out. Without this renewal, we would not be able to update the necessary infrastructure and learning spaces for the students at Fennville Public Schoos.

Our students are the future of Fennville. Investing in their education is an investment in the strength and prosperity of our entire community. The millage renewal ensures that Fennville Public Schools can continue to offer a high-quality education that prepares our young people for success in college, careers, and life.

I understand that every vote counts, and I encourage you to learn more about the millage by visiting our school district website (www.fennville.org). Your informed decision on August 5th will have a lasting impact on our students and the future of Fennville.

Please join me in voting on August 5, 2025.

Sincerely,
Albert Lombard,
Superintendent
Fennville Public Schools

Inaccurate to write all students will receive savings accounts

Dear Editor,

Establishing Children's Savings Accounts for post-high school education is an intriguing idea to benefit Allegan students. However, the recent Allegan News report leaves unanswered questions.

The News cites the Allegan County Community Foundation June press release. There, President/CEO Stephanie Calhoun states, "This grant from CEDAM allows us to launch ... in three local school districts: Allegan, Fennville, and Plainwell. Our goal is to expand this opportunity to all districts in Allegan County as additional funding/donations become available, so that every child has the tools and support they need to pursue their future."

"Every child" sounds wonderfully inclusive. In fact, because this grant is tax-funded, it ought to be.

But instead of offering equal benefit, "all districts in Allegan County" appears to exclude every home schooled child, as well as children attending Allegan County's eight Christian schools. And what about students at charter schools like Discovery and Outlook?

The state website says that the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) is administered by the state Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. While the department invites other donors, it's unclear how much of Allegan's grant funds, if any, are voluntary.

I hope the Allegan News will clarify which kindergartners in our county are eligible for these tax-funded accounts, and how much comes from tax payers versus private contributions.

Best,
Abigail Nobel

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Obituaries

Wanda Clark, 91

Wanda Clark, age 91, of Allegan, Michigan passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones. Born on May 11, 1934, in Burnips, Michigan. Wanda was the beloved daughter of John and Genevieve Kleinbrink. She graduated from Hopkins High School and went on build a life grounded in family, faith and simple joys.

Wanda married the love of her life, Thomas E. Clark, at the Allegan County Fair in 1952 during its Centennial Celebration with a grandstand stacked of over 4000 people from the community. It was quite an event, as she arrived by horse drawn carriage and her husband to be on horseback. This began the beginning of 60 beautiful years of marriage before Tom's passing in 2012. Together they raised a family and built a life full of purpose and love. They were self-employed farmers, raised cattle and later owned and trained standardbred racehorses. Embodying a spirit of hard work and dedication.

Wanda enjoyed being outside, especially in the summer by the pool with family and friends. For many years she was on a

Wanda Clark

weekly bowling league which she enjoyed a great deal and called it her "play day". She enjoyed camping, riding her horses and always finding something to do on the farm. When grandchildren and great grandchildren came along, she was there to enjoy them also. In her later years, she enjoyed being at home with her beloved cats often being referred to as the "crazy cat lady", and the regular card games played with her sisters and family.

One thing Tom and Wanda always enjoyed was the Allegan Fair. She says she only missed one day of the fair due to their honeymoon. For many years, they kept a travel trailer near the 4-H barns and enjoyed her family time during the week. She loved sitting in the grandstand and betting her quarter on the horse races with family.

Wanda is survived by her loving children, Tom &(Pam) Clark, Gary &(Robin) Clark, Sandy Clark. Grandchildren Nathan& (Jeanette) Clark, Shannon &(Ethan) Englehorn, Brandon &(Leslie) Clark, Alan & (Erin) Clark, Jennifer Clark (Seth Jaden), Ryan Utter, Max Miniat, and 10 great grandchildren who brought her endless joy.

Wanda is survived by her loving siblings: John & (Mary) Kleinbrink, Ellie Clark, Arlene Callender and Betty & (Gary) Truax.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas E. Clark, her parents, brother Donald Kleinbrink, and brother-in-law Richard Clark.

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Wanda's legacy of love and strength will continue to inspire all who were lucky enough to know her.

Trevor Allen Ellis, 46

On December 5, 1978, Connie and Gary Ellis were gifted with a son, Trevor Allen Ellis. He was a blessing and a bright light to the people that crossed his path and was shown love by so many. On July 28, 2025, Trevor passed away with family by his side at his home in Allegan, Michigan and took on a new and perfect body. He enjoyed listening to family members and friends talk, especially the loud and lively voices of children. He also enjoyed listening and sharing music, taking rides in the car, enjoying Arc activities and volunteering with his caregivers. He is dearly missed and will always have a special place in the hearts of those who knew him.

Over his 46 years Trevor was blessed with a family and family friends that surrounded him with love, along with

Trevor Allen Ellis

special and caring caregivers of many years: Jessie, Linda, Doreen, Michelle and Melissa. Trevor graduated from the Allegan County Development Center (Hillside) in 2005 where he had wonderful teachers, support staff and bus drivers.

Trevor is survived by his parents, Gary and Connie (Van Syckle) Ellis, sister Heather (Jeffrey) Oram, nieces Cailynn and Ellie Oram, along with several aunts and uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents William and Iva (Smith) Ellis and Duane and Elaine (Knoll) Van Syckle.

Trevor's Celebration of Life will be Saturday, August 2 from 1:00-4:00 at the Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, 528 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010.

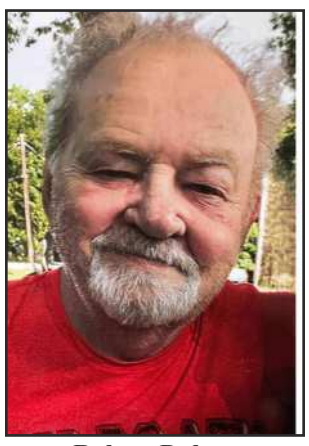
In lieu of flowers, donations in Trevor's memory may be made to Wings of Hope Hospice (530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010) and The Arc of Allegan County (219 Hubbard Street, Allegan, MI 49010).

Robert Dalton, 87

"Rocky" or "Bob" was born on April 22, 1938, in Niagara Falls, New York. He was born to Charles and Florence Dalton, the youngest of seven children. He survived them all.

Growing up during war times, Rocky decided to venture out and serve our great nation, for nearly a decade, in the United States Air Force. As an aircraft maintainer, he traveled the globe—visiting various locations including Germany, Italy, and South Africa. He then returned to the U.S.—first back home to New York, then eventually settling in Arizona.

There, he met and married his first wife, Bonnie. Rocky went on to have six children: Robert, David, Patricia, Charles, Dorothy, and Michelle. While in Arizona, he became a lifelong, die-hard fan of the UofA Wildcats—never missing an opportunity



Robert Dalton

to support his team by wearing their T-shirts. He began his second career as a welder and later retired from Phoenix Cement Plant.

Rocky's life changed course again when he met Sandra at the local pool. They married and moved to Sandra's birth state of Michigan. Bob became a dad again to his bonus stepchildren, Todd and Tammi. In Michigan, he began his third career and eventually retired a final time from Haworth.

In this chapter of retirement, he enjoyed the simple things—you could often find him on the front porch with a Milwaukee's Beast in his hand or, surprisingly, watching any and all British crime dramas.

"It's not a man's working hours that are important—it's his leisure hours!" ~Poirot

He lived the rest of his life with Sandy by his side in their Pure Michigan home, surrounded by care, love, and frequent visits from many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

As a lifelong, devout Catholic, Rocky went to join his Heavenly Father on July 19, 2025, in Allegan, MI.

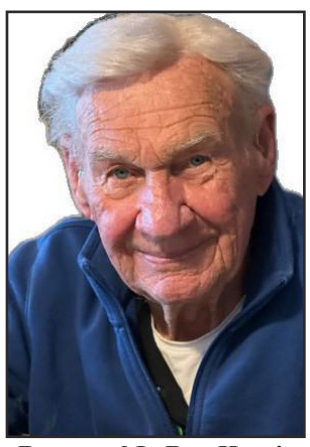
Raymond LeRoy Harris, 94

Raymond LeRoy Harris, aged 94, departed this world in Allegan, Michigan, leaving behind an enduring testament to gentle strength, quiet wisdom, and lifelong ingenuity.

For 74 years, he shared a remarkable love story with his beloved wife, Gerry—woven through decades of resilience, laughter, devotion, and unwavering partnership.

Those who knew Ray drew deep inspiration from his steadfast morals, quiet humor, genuine acts of kindness, and tireless work ethic.

As a skilled mechanic, heavy equipment operator, and inventive carpenter, Ray saw possibility in every bolt, beam, or scrap of steel—often transforming them into thoughtful sculptures that quietly adorned the world he and Gerry built together. His hands shaped more than metal; they built a home filled with warmth, and a life rich in meaning. He didn't just build things—he built trust, belonging, and comfort



Raymond LeRoy Harris

for those around him.

Family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues alike found in Ray a man whose life was guided not by grand gestures, but by principled choices and quiet, steadfast love.

His legacy is one of hard work, creative spirit, humility, and the rare gift of making life's burdens feel a little lighter simply by being near.

We give thanks for a man both extraordinary and approachable—a man it was not only easy to love, but a true privilege.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend—Ray will be forever cherished. He remains a guidepost for many on how to live with grace, purpose, and heart.

With so much love, we say "goodbye"—for now.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Congregational Church of Allegan, 323 Cutler St, Allegan, MI 49010, or to Wings Home, 330 Linn St, Allegan, MI 49010.

While at www.amsfuneralhomes.com please take time to sign Raymond's guestbook and/or share a memory with his family.

The Harris family is being cared for by the Avink, McCowen & Secord Funeral Homes and Cremation Society, 120 South Woodhams Street, Plainwell, MI 49080. 269-685-5881.

Wilbur Darby, 90

Wilbur Darby was born August 17, 1934 in Allegan Township, Michigan, the son of Wilbur J. and Helen A. (Matusek) Darby. His grade school was Foster School. Graduating high school from Allegan High School in 1953. Wilbur went into the army in 1956 to 1958, two years active reserve and two years inactive reserve. Worked for Bohn Aluminum in Holland 1955 until enlisted in army. Once discharged he went back to Bohn until 1960. After Bohn Wilbur went to work at Rockwell International 1959 to 1967. He attended Spark School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Graduated from Spartan School of aeronautics in 1968. Received air frame and power plant mechanics license from Federal Aviation. After that he went to Pepsi Cola in Kalamazoo until 1974 as a fleet mechanic. In 1971 he married Marcella Ash. Wilbur started his own business in 1974 in the used equipment business 20 years. He was preceded in death by his wife Marcella, his parents and his brother Edward and sister Helen. In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place on August 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. with a Methodist minister.

David Samuel Axe, 83

November 30, 1941 – July 23, 2025

David Samuel Axe, 83, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2025, at Ely Manor in Allegan.

Born in Grand Rapids, David was the son of John Jacob Axe and Elizabeth Katherine (Lynott) Axe. He grew up in Allegan and pursued his education at Culver Military Academy, the University of Michigan, Hope College, and Putney College (Vermont), eventually graduating from Grand Valley State University. He went on to teach elementary science in Grand Rapids, MI; Rochester, NY; and Douglas, MI.

David was known for his sharp wit, generous spirit, and deep intellectual curiosity. He possessed a vocabulary that would make a scholar jealous

David Samuel Axe

and relished a good debate. A self-taught musician and avid reader, he had a passion for philosophy, history, and the arts. He enjoyed collecting antiques, attempting to build guitars, and riding classic motorcycles—famously losing a toe in the process, a story he proudly shared. He was always quick to help others, especially those he believed needed something more than he did.

He is survived by his children, Penelope (Axe) Muenzer and her husband Douglas, and Samuel L. Axe and his wife Stephanie; grandchildren, Vance and Cole Muenzer, and Lia Axe; his brother, John R. Axe of Grosse Pointe Farms; and close friend, Sam Surprise of Portland, Maine. He was formerly married to Penelope A. Surprise, with whom he remained lifelong friends.

Per his wishes, no formal services will be held. He will be interred at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan.

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Faces in the Crowd

Cutest baby chosen at Pullman festival

At the Pullman Pride Days weekend of fun, the cutest baby contest winner was Michael Suttles. Parents are Michael Suttles and Mariana Garcia.

By G C Stoppel

The national news has been filled with stories and speculation about the Epstein Files and possible connections with important people. Your thoughts, please.

-Woman at a farm market on M-89: "Well, it's a replacement for the soaps [soap operas], at least. It moves faster, but it's just as sleazy."

-Another woman, same location: "I hate to think that in a few years when my daughter goes off to college she'll be running into boys as bad as Trump." Friend with her, "Or older men who act like him. Our country's filled with moral degenerates like him. Maybe that's why no one is too upset about him."

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: "I don't know. I don't think we've had any president, except for Truman, who could keep his pants pulled up." Laughs. "Well, maybe Nixon. No one would be that desperate. I still don't like what's going on, though. Not one little bit!"

-Couple near the Blue Goose Restaurant: Man: "We were just talking about it with some friends. I think it's the news [media] stirring things up, just to get better ratings." Woman: "Ratings mean more money, you know. That's why we hear about it all the time."

-Man outside the Allegan Public Library: Quickly became angry, "Listen, the President said there was nothing to any of these rumors and stories and told us to quit talking about it. So why are you pushing on this? Huh? He's the Commander in Chief and he said to forget about it!" The man stormed off to the Court House.

-Woman near Huntington Bank, "I keep hoping it's just going to end, soon, and without a civil war. I'm sick to death of it. And worried about the future my grandchildren are getting handed to them."

-Woman, same location: "Every time President Trump gets himself backed into a corner he starts lashing out, and then things get worse. He's in hot water over the Epstein files, so suddenly he wants sports teams to change their names and put Obama into jail. Did you hear how he's going to block a team from building a new stadium unless they do what he tells me? Come on. We're catching on to his method."

-Man near the Allegan Post Office, "It's the big news and Democrats who are causing all of this hullabaloo. They're the ones! They keep stirring things up all the time. They're the real enemy!"

-Couple, same location; Man: "It's a real mess. It's always one thing or another with Trump. He thrives on chaps." Woman: "This country hasn't been right since Gerald Ford was the president. He was a real gentleman. A real gentleman." Man: "So was Reagan. He may have made a mess of some things, but he was a straight shooter."

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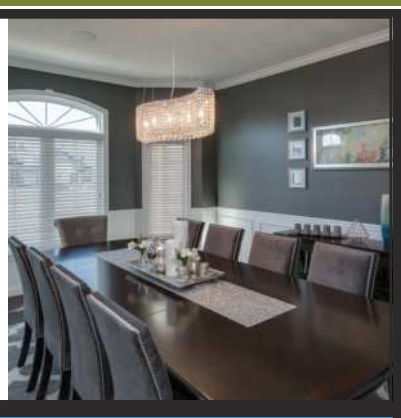

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Allegan High School class of 1975 walk down Memory Lane

The Allegan High School class of 1975 gathered for their 50th class reunion at The Silo on Saturday, July 19, 2025. There were 89 graduates in attendance along with teachers plus spouses. The displays shared photos gleaned from yearbooks and classmates while one expressed the sadness of losing 49 class members of a graduating class that total about 200. Favorite music, performing artists, movies and more were displayed to highlight 1975. Pam Peet Vermilye who wrote the class farewell speech 50 years ago, shared "Through the Years". The organizing committee was commended for a job well done in finding and inviting so many members of the class and for the activities of the evening. It was truly an event to highlight memories of the past, to create new memories, and to look to the future. Photo: Sarah Konecki

Pedestrian struck by pickup, dies on scene in Salem

On July 26th, 2025 at approximately 10:15 pm, Allegan County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of 146th Avenue east of 27th Street in Salem Twp for the report of a vehicle versus pedestrian crash. Preliminary investigation indicates that a pickup traveling westbound on 146th Ave struck a pedestrian.

The male pedestrian was determined to be deceased upon arrival of first responders. The roadway was closed for investigation. The name of the victim is not being released at this time until notification to family can be made.

This investigation is ongoing by the Allegan County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction team. Alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor.

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City hears updates on economic development and investments

By Gari Voss

The Monday, July 28, 2025, meeting of the Allegan City Council set aside time for presentation from Lakeshore Advantage and Huntington Securities. Lakeshore Advantage focuses on economic development by supporting primary businesses and entrepreneurial companies. Huntington Securities manages the City's investments that are keep for capital projects. Along with presentations, the Council approved purchase orders and contracted with Weichert Realtors to sell parcel that could not be developed by the city.

Ordinance 530 to Rezone

The first reading of Ordinance 530 to rezone 650 Grand Street and schedule a second reading and public hearing for August 11, 2025, passed.

Community Action of Allegan County (CAAC) applied to rezone 650 Grand Street from various zoning districts to a Planned Unit Development District (PUD) and shared a multi-phased development plan. The intent is to relocate CAAC and consolidate their operation to a central location, which is the former United Way facility. The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the application to rezone on July 21, 2025. This will create a Family Empowerment Center that will offer wrap around services. CAAC has received a grant for $4.5 million to develop a site that can support families in the county.

PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

Lakeshore Advantage, a non-profit economic organization, made a presentation regarding their 2024 Activities in Allegan as it relates to Economic Development. Mandy Cooper, VP for Strategic Initiatives for Lakeshore Advantage, explained that Lakeshore works to ensure a healthy economy along the lakeshore that includes Allegan and Ottawa Counties. They focus on primary employers that are a healthy catalyst and export more products out of the region than can be consumed in the region. These businesses raise the economic value of the area. They also support entrepreneurs who are starting or building a business.

Lakeshore works to expand the business base of primary businesses. In the City of Allegan, Lakeshore has identified 12 primary employers and had 31 unique interactions in the last year. In the last 2 years, there have been 2 expansion projects. This represents $2 million in private investment. Lakeshore has assisted with $1.4 M for Going Pro Training that assists employees in gaining certifications that are transferable. One of the targeted businesses was Fabricated Components & Assemblies that received $1.1 million of private investment for a 12,000 square feet of expansion and had 5 new or retained jobs. Cooper stressed that the small to mid-sized employers often need assistance in order to grow.

The Strategic Site Readiness Program uses State funding. There is a lack in industrial space for companies to expand. Therefore, Lakeshore must work with local municipalities to locate sites where a business can grow. This is done before employers begin to look, and Lakeshore has identified 480 acres for five approved projects.

Lakeshore is currently working on 15 projects, with most are in the pipeline for possible expansion. These represent $562 million in private investment. Eight of the projects are in Allegan County but are moving a bit slower than normal. The projects represent a potential for 295 new jobs.

An important element for success is to identify challenges. Allegan needs workers in high demand jobs - skilled trades, engineers, industrial technicians, and software and systems engineers. Lakeshore keeps researching what will keep these people working in the lakeshore area.

Gaining information and identifying businesses and resources make Lakeshore Advantage important to Allegan and other municipalities in Allegan and Ottawa Counties.

Huntington Bank Investments

Jamie Hebebrand from Huntington Securities, Inc. presented the City's Investment Portfolio and economic updates. The City maintains a Capital Asset Improvement Sinking Fund and a Capital Reserve Sinking Fund. Both are restricted for capital projects. Even though the Market Value fluctuates, the investments have held overtime. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Capital Asset Improvement Sinking Fund had an investment return of $135,543. In addition, transfers were made of $45,180.82 to the City's General Fund and $45,180.82 to the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund for a total of $90,361.73. No expenditure was made during FY 2025.

The Capital Reserve Sinking Fund for FY2025 had a loss of $469.15 with no transfers out or expenditures.

REPORTS

The **Allegan Wellhead Protection Plan Committee** is working on Interpretive Signs from Vacker Signs of Kalamazoo. One sign will be on the boardwalk looking at the Water Plant and the other on riverfront with information about the water cycle. The Bridgefest Station distributed 233 T-shirts and most were tie-dyed. The Water Monster hydration station was enjoyed, and other items were distributed. Looking forward, plastic water bottles, T-shirts and stickers will be distributed during the Allegan County Fair Parade on September 8th, and during the Christmas Parade on December 1st, tumblers with hot cocoa packets will be handed out. An EGLE grant was submitted for activities. The members continue to research abandoned wells.

The **Planning Commission** discussed rezoning 650 Grant St. for Allegan County Community Action and reviewed their action plan for a new early education center, offices and warehouse for the Community Action Agency. Lisa Evans, the Community Action Director, and Max Nykerk from Lakewood Construction were able to answer questions for the commissioners. The members continue to explore ways to create more housing in Allegan.

The **Fire District Board** reported 45 incidents plus man hours. Chief Nick Brink is still waiting on roof estimates. Life EMS moved on June 14, 2025, from the City Fire Station to their new home on M-89 near Baker Chevrolet. August 23, 2025, will be the annual Pancake Breakfast then switch to spaghetti for lunch.

WATER UTILITIES

The request to approve PO 26-0827 in the amount of $47,786.25 to Waste Recovery Systems for sewer cleaning and televising lines through the Grand Street, Water Street and Rossman Park neighborhoods passed. The cleaning of the sewer mains will be in conjunction with construction projects. Water Director Doug Sweeris felt it extremely important to get eyes inside the sewer mains. Phase 1 will be Rossman Park's initial inspection. Phase 2 will end the Rossman Park Project. Phase 3 will include Water and Grand Streets sewer mains. The cleaning may have an additional cost once cameras make their inspection, so the quote is "not to exceed". The question rose regarding if the city could get this equipment, but even if the city had the camera, it doesn't have the manpower. The city does not have the manpower since staff is busy with replacing lead lines plus there is an emergency main break on North Street that must be rectified.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Payment of Bills. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $825,364.40 and payroll in the amount of $148,625.43 for a total disbursement of $973,989.83 passed.

The **May Revenue and Expenditure report** was accepted. When asked if there are any areas to watch, Financial Director Tracy Shull explained that the May 2025 report contained few adjustments. The June 2025 report will require more adjustments to end the FY. There are no unusual expenses that were not approved previously. There is work in progress for projects, but nothing that should be a shock.

Surplus Equipment. The request to declare various equipment as surplus items and direct staff to sell them at auction was approved. The pieces listed have value so they cannot be scrapped. City Manager Joel Dye explained that this helps clean up the storage area.

Items going on the auction block are:

From Public Works - Toro Zero Turn Mower 60", Toro Zero Turn Mower 52", Set of pontoons, Six sets of Aluminum Bleachers, Three Outboard Motors from the pontoons, Pull behind Brush Chipper, and Walk behind leaf blower.

From Water Utilities - a sewer push camera and a 40+/- 55 gallon blue barrels

From the Administration Services, two Multifunction High-Capacity Printers, and two Spotlights.

City Realtor. In response to the request from the Council to find a realtor to sell the 7 or 8 excess city parcels, an RFP was released. Bids were received from Weichert Realtors – Platinum Group and Coldwell Banker Sneller Real Estate. Both Realtors are well known in the city, but after an examination of bids, it was determined that Weichert Realtors responded more accurately to the RFP at a better price. The Council approved Weichert Realtors – Platinum Group for a 2-year contract to sell unbuildable parcels.

Wayfinder Parking Lot Signs. A Purchase Order for the construction and installation of Parking Lot Identification Signs was approved. This is the first phase of the Wayfinding Project that began about 2 years ago. The approved plan identified the types of signs and placement. The first step identified was for Parking Lot signs. $50,000 was set aside, so the bid of $30,225 by Sign Art was within budget. Though the bid by Valley City Signs was $23,457.28, it included an incomplete plan and budget.

Lakeshore Advantage Services. The request to approve P.O. 26-0825 in the amount of $10,000 to Lakeshore Advantage for Economic Development Services passed. This covers the annual fees and continued support to businesses in Allegan.

Parcel Split. The request to approve a lot split for parcel 03-51-130-001-002 passed. This will complete the agreement with the new owners of Sunset Lanes. The parcel along Sherman Street had been approved for sale, but the lot split had been overlooked.

City Manager Contract. The request to adopt Resolution 25.24 amending the City Manager's Contract passed. The Council conducted a review that was discussed in a closed session. The contract will include a 4% increase which is in line with the increase given to non-union members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Support was given for Lakeshore Advantage, but the concern was voiced that small businesses do not understand that they can receive assistance from the Lakeshore Team since they deal with entrepreneurial services. The city should encourage a better relation between small Allegan businesses and Lakeshore Advantage.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dye attended a conference for city leaders. He returned with two takeaways. 1. Conduct open office time with the public. He is thinking about the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to follow Council meetings. The first would be in the morning or early afternoon while the second would be in the early evening to accommodate working schedules. 2. Dye would like to run a City Hall 101 Education Series for city leadership that will include sessions where residents can meet to learn about city government. This could assist in growing volunteers for boards and council members.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Mr. Canales commented that customers coming from out of town to A-Tech were sharing that they liked the new downtown.

Ms. Hooker had worked on the sidewalk sales and felt there was a good turnout. The scavenger hunt included 15 different stores, and Saturday brought numerous family friendly, hands on activities.

Mr. Walker received good feedback on Saturday and was meeting people from out of town. He did feel the need to improve communication.

Mr. Hanse asked about protection for the air conditioners near the Regent Theater. He also suggested an update of the website regarding Explore Allegan, so parks included pictures and amenities.

Mayor Perrigo commented that Ely Street was looking good. The project is on schedule and needs some painting.

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Notice is Hereby Given that on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025**, the Allegan County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Allegan County Drain Commissioner, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49010. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drains are located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description by section number of the lands proposed to be added or deleted in whole or in part include the following:

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#423 Peet	Valley	Valley - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, 14,15,16,19,21,22,24,25,28,38
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#494 Setter	Allegan	Allegan – 2,7,8,9,10,11
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You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete property to or from a Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Allegan County **Circuit Court** within ten (10) days of the decision.

Notice is Further Hereby Given that also on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the Drainage Districts listed above, will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49010. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the Drainage District's that are subject to a special assessment available to review. Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the special assessment district or any city, village, township, or county feeling aggrieved by the tentative apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) calendar days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Allegan County **Probate Court** for the appointment of a Board of Review.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

In addition to the assessed parcels and tracts of land in the Section numbers listed above, shall be specially assessed at large for benefits of the maintenance of the aforementioned drains in each township.

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners, and persons interested in the above-described special assessment district, and you:

Clerk of Allegan County; Allegan County Road Commission; Township Supervisors, City or Village Clerks; are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, the apportionment of benefits and the lands comprised within the aforementioned Drainage Districts will be subject to review.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Allegan County Drain Commissioner at (269) 673-0440 or the Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

July 22, 2024

Chris Machiela
Allegan County Drain Commissioner

Allegan Conservation District celebrates new facility

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Conservation District (ACD) celebrated in fine style with a Grand Opening of their new facility on Taft Road, Saturday, July 19, 2025.

Visitors were greeted at the door by John Pigeon of the Potawatomi Nation who shared his basketmaking and stories. Entering the large delivery area, no one went hungry thanks to the meats, cheese and vegetable trays furnished by Scott's Pig Roast. The next stop was the NRCS Enviroscape Watershed Model and Ground Water Model where children and adults alike could learn about how water flows to supply our needs. The Allegan Food Alliance provided a seed craft for kids and adults while sharing the success they have had in constructing gardens around Allegan.

Leaving the larger area and passing through the meeting / workshop room, visitors stopped to examine the display of the many programs offered by the Allegan Conservation District. Then it was on to the entry area where the ODC Network's Conservation Connection's Wildlife Booth was ready to share their programs and animals. The booth had tables full of natural history artifacts for families to explore - feathers, fur, bones, skulls, etc. Plus, there were live animals including amphibians, reptiles, and birds. The center of attraction was the owl that watched its audience very carefully.

Throughout the day, The Hoot Owls shared their music. The members have a deep love for conservation and the earth and have spent time supporting the work of the ACD and serving on boards. Visitors pulled up chairs or sat under the veranda to enjoy the music while nibbling on appetizers and taking a break from visiting with staff, enjoying exhibits, and admiring the antique tractors provided by board member Dale Hedberg.

"We are so excited to connect with our community and show them who we are and how we will utilize the new facility," shared Alison Peterson-Loll, administrative specialist.

Be sure to check the Allegan Conservation District calendar of events at https://www.alleganCD.org/events to learn about opportunities related to conservation techniques, establishing gardens, growing mushrooms, or weaving basket with John Pigeon.

A favorite stop for visitors during the Grand Opening of the Allegan Conservation District facility on July 19, 2025, was the ODC Network's Conservation Connection's Wildlife Booth. The many animal artifacts were great, but the owl received the majority of attention and conversation. The stately bird stared intently at the group gathered as the group learned about its habitat and habits.

Young and not so young learned about the watershed and ground water thanks to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) model at the Grand Opening of the Allegan Conservation District on July 19, 2025.

Lee Twp man takes plea deal in fatal DUI crash that killed mother

A man has plead no contest to a fatal drunk driving crash in Allegan County that killed a mother who was bicycling with her daughter.

Joel Rojas-Chanito made the plea on July 23 and is set to be sentenced on Aug. 25 at 9 a.m. in Allegan Circuit Court.

Chanito was arrested and charged after he hit and killed Tracey Lynn Decker when she was out biking with her daughter and then fled the scene.

He pleaded no contest to count 4, DWI causing serious injury. As part of the plea deal, the other three counts, including operating while intoxicated causing death, failure to stop at the scene of an accident and operating with a suspended or revoked license, were dismissed.

Chanito admitted to police that he had been drinking throughout the day, and left his home to go get more alcohol.

On his way home, he told police he was driving east on 111th Avenue in Lee Township when he struck Decker on her bike. Chanito told police he refused to stop to help Decker and instead went home and continued drinking until he fell asleep.

Allegan County Sheriff's Office

Public Notice of Intent to Dispose of Firearms

The following is a list of firearms in evidence at the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, 640 River St., Allegan, MI 49010. If no valid ownership claim is received within thirty (30) days of the date of public notice, the firearms listed will be disposed of. Please Note: these firearms are not for sale.

If you have a valid claim to any of these firearms and are authorized to possess firearms, contact Lt. Mike Brown on how to get the firearm returned to you.

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12703-19	Kahr	Mod CM40 pistol	.40	JN0593
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5663-20	Heritage	Mod Rough Rider revolver	22lr	HZ61147
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6522-20	Taurus	Mod 605 revolver	.357	MT87400
20190-21	Taurus	Mod G2c pistol	9mm	ACC725158
22215-21	S&W	Mod 64-8 revolver	.38spl	CXB6227
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19121-21	S&W	Mod SD9VE pistol	9mm	FBV4718
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Group of missing kayakers found safe in Kalamazoo River near library

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The search for a group of missing kayakers in the Kalamazoo River on Sunday, July 27, had a happy ending.

According to Plainwell director Public Safety Kevin Callahan, all of the kayakers in question were located and successfully removed from the Kalamazoo River.

"All individuals are safe and accounted for," Callahan said in a statement.

The ordeal began at approximately 5 p.m., when the group of kayakers departed from a launch site near D Avenue. But when they failed to return when expected and couldn't be reached by phone, a local business owner contacted Allegan County Central Dispatch at approximately 9:30 p.m. out of concern for their safety.

The Plainwell Department of Public Safety responded to Fannie Pell Park and, due to the potential route of travel ending as far as Otsego, requested assistance from the Cooper Township Fire Department and the Allegan County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol.

Search operations were then initiated, with watercraft deployed at various points along the river.

During the search, a third party made contact with one of the kayakers and Allegan County Central Dispatch eventually established direct communication with the kayakers and obtained the group's GPS location.

Plainwell officers located the kayakers near Ransom District Library shortly thereafter. All individuals were safely removed from the water and evaluated by on-scene medical personnel.

No injuries were reported.

"We are grateful for the swift response of our team of first responders in Plainwell, Allegan County, and Cooper in resolving this incident safely," Callahan said. "We urge everyone to take precautions to ensure safe and enjoyable experiences on our waterways."

Callahan used the situation to remind the community about the importance of prioritizing safety when enjoying water activities on the Kalamazoo River.

He issued the following safety guidelines:

- Always wear a properly fitted life jacket.
- Inform someone of your planned route and expected return time.
- Check weather and water conditions before heading out.
- Paddle with a partner or group when possible.
- Carry a waterproof communication device in case of emergencies.

Plainwell council considers various items

By John Raffel
Correspondent

The Plainwell City Council, was slated to take action on various issues at its Monday meeting.

One was a three-year agreement with LLC SmartSights.

The council was told LLC has serviced the Water Renewal SCADA system for the past several years. They provide text notifications for all of the lift stations as well as the Water Renewal plant. The 3-year contract is recommended as it saves $1,050 over paying yearly, the council was told.

The council was to consider approving a 3-year contract with SmartSights, LLC for SCADA system support and text messaging service.

Member were also to consider the purchase of a four-inch Promag flow meter. The current meter was installed in 1998, and failed testing last month. The meter is obsolete, and replacement parts are unavailable. The council was told it was recommended that the meter be replaced before it fails completely. Forberg Smith specializes in flow meters, and calibrates all meters within the system.

Members were to consider approving the purchase of a 4-inch Promag flow meter and 3-year warranty from Endress Hauser for $7,973.99.

The council was also to consider Well 7 Pump Equipment Overhaul and Maintenance. It was noted the City of Plainwell has Peerless Midwest conduct a yearly inspection of the municipal wells. Following inspection, a meeting is held to discuss the findings. This year, it is recommended that the pump equipment from Well 7 be removed, serviced and reinstalled. The council was to consider approving the overhaul and maintenance of Well 7 pump equipment by Peerless Midwest for a cost not to exceed $33,540.

The county was told the City is transitioning from Priority Health to Blue Care Network for the upcoming benefit plan year. Both carriers partner with Health Equity, the current administrator for flexible benefit plans, which include Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs), Limited Purpose FSAs, and Dependent Care Accounts (DCAs). Each of these plans carries administrative fees- a per-participant, per-month administrative fee, with minimum monthly fees ranging from $50 to $75 per account type. As no employees are currently enrolled in FSAs or DCAs and no one has elected them for the upcoming plan year, the City will opt out of these unused offerings to avoid unnecessary costs.

The council was told Plainwell will continue to offer HSAs and revisit offering the Flex benefits in future years should there be employee interest. Members were to consider adopting a resolution for general fines and fees effective July 1.

Also to be discussed was a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Fleis & Vandenbrink for South Main Construction South Main Street between M-89 and Chart Street to be milled and repaved this August. The project design for this project was completed by Flies and Vandenbrink earlier this year.

The council was told this is an MDOT job and 80 percent of the construction cost will be covered by the State. The remaining 20 percent of construction cost and all engineering costs are the City's responsibility. This proposal is part of the engineering services that the City is responsible for. The increased cost of this service agreement is due to reporting requirements from MDOT.

The council was to consider entering into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Fleis & Vandenbrink for construction engineering on the South Main road construction project for $75,500.

Plainwell seeks Board of Review members

The City of Plainwell is seeking alternate members for the Board of Review.

Members serve 3-year terms and are responsible for reviewing property assessment appeals from property owners.

The Board of Review offers paid training and compensation. Meeting attendance is required.

Meetings are held annually in March (three days), July (one day) and December (one day), generally during business hours. Some evening hours may apply in March.

To be eligible, you must be a registered voter of the City of Plainwell.

For an application or more information, contact Plainwell City Clerk JoAnn Leonard at Jleonard@plainwell.org or (269) 685-6821.

Developer Day coming to Otsego, Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF)—in partnership with Lakeshore Advantage—will host Developer Day 2025 on Thursday, Aug. 7.

The purpose of the event? To provide developers, realtors, municipal leaders and financial institutions with an "exclusive, in-depth look at Allegan County's most promising development-ready sites during."

The "full-day, fast-paced" motorcoach tour is sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Lakewood Construction. Residential and mixed-use sites across five Allegan County communities will be showcased, with attendees receiving critical insights into local housing demand, infrastructure readiness, zoning and community development priorities directly from local officials and planners.

The tour's final two stops will be in Otsego and Plainwell, with the tour arriving to the area at approximately 2 p.m.

"Across Allegan (County), we have great local leaders leaning into creating opportunities for housing, and Master Plans and zoning guides are great resources to promote that," said Chris Kleinjans, Community Impact Officer at ACCF.

"But there's nothing like putting all the pieces needed to build housing together on a bus—landowners, municipal leaders, developers and funders—and showing them the land and introducing them to the people who are ready to work together. We're thrilled to partner with Lakeshore Advantage to spotlight some of the county's most exciting development opportunities."

Other communities scheduled to be highlighted are Fennville, Allegan and Saugatuck/Laketown Townships.

"From shovel-ready parcels to revitalization opportunities in village centers, this event will highlight the transformative potential of building in Allegan County," Kleinjans said. "Participants will also get a behind-the-scenes look at active projects, gaining valuable context for current and future development trends.

"Developer Day 2025 is designed to foster collaboration, remove barriers and spark momentum for housing development in Allegan County. With many communities facing housing shortages, this event provides a unique opportunity to align community needs with private investment and public resources."

Key features of the event are:

* Site visits in five Allegan County communities ready for development
* Local presentations from municipal leaders, planners, and economic developers
* Networking opportunities with key stakeholders in housing and finance
* On-the-ground insights into zoning, incentives, and infrastructure
* Bus transportation and lunch included

For more information about Developer Day 2025, contact Kleinjans at ckleinjans@alleganfoundation.org.

Forensics Camp comes to Otsego

Otsego High School students were crime scene investigators at a new camp this summer.

Forensics Camp introduced students to the world of investigations. They learned different techniques like fingerprinting, blood typing, and analyzing trajectory, handwriting, fibers and hair.

Former forensics specialist (and now second grade teacher at Dix Street Elementary) Terra Wesseldyk and Wyoming Police Department Forensics Science Technician Todd Masula led this four-day camp that culminated in a scene reconstruction and investigation. (Photos provided)

NOTICE

OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWNSHIP OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OTSEGO, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinances, as summarized below, were adopted by the Otsego Township Board at a regular meeting held Monday, July 14th, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 332
SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE PARCEL 03-17-017-042-00 FROM THE AG AGRICULTURAL TO THE R-1 LOW DENSITY SINGLE_FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

ORDINANCE NO. 333

SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE PARCEL 03-17-360-003-00 FROM THE R-1 LOW DENSITY SINGLE_FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. Said property is legally described as follows: LOT 3 KITSMILLER ACRES SEC 26 T1N R12W and comprises approximately 1.44 acres.

BOTH ORDINANCES HAVE IDENTICAL SECTIONS II AND III.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
This Ordinance shall take effect eight days following publication after adoption. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of Otsego Township Ordinances 332 and 333 are available at Otsego Township Hall, 400 N. 16th St. during normal business hours, or upon request from the Otsego Township Clerk.

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Fales adds three more Lions Club titles to her resume

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Some people collect vintage toys. Others collect baseball cards. Or coins. Or stamps.

Addy Fales? She collects titles at the Allegan Lions Club City Championship Tennis Tournament.

Fales—who will soon start her senior year at Allegan High School—won a Triple Crown for the second straight year and the third time in four years, meaning she secured titles in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

This year's tournament was held the week of July 21.

Fales won the Girls 18 & Under singles title (over Sophia Augustine), the Girls 18 & Under doubles title (with Camdyn Drozd over Augustine and Hanna Kievit) and the 18 & Under mixed doubles title (with Carson Woodhams over Maddie Cook and Wesley Goodspeed).

Fales now has 17 Lions Club championships to her credit, putting her in a tie for second place for most titles in the event's 54-year history. Only her sister Regan—who now serves as director of the Allegan Summer Tennis Program—has more.

Drozd joined Fales in earning a Triple Crown, as did Emily Gaulke.

In addition to her mixed doubles title with Fales, Drozd claimed the Girls 14 & Under singles title (over Madi Knoepke) and the 14 & Under mixed doubles title (with Cam Knoepke over Savannah Woodhams and Ty Mikolajczyk).

Gaulke shined at 12 & Under, winning the Girls singles (over Ava Kievit), Girls doubles (with Ava Kievit over Lauren Mikolajczyk and Ecco Stull) and the mixed doubles (with Jace Cooper over Lauren Mikolajczyk and Hudson Vance) at that age group.

All told, a total of 116 matches were played at this year's event, marking an increase of approximately 20 matches compared to last year.

"This tournament is one of the highlights of our summer tennis program," organizers said in a statement. "The tennis is good and it is great to see so many families supporting the players throughout the tournament."

As always, the tournament remains a true family affair.

"Quite a few of those parents played in the tournament when they were junior tennis players," organizers said. "For our players and parents, the Allegan Lions Club continues to provide an excellent opportunity and learning experience for each of them to learn more about the sport and tournament play."

Of the 66 players who participated, 28 were playing in a tennis tournament for the first time.

"For many, this was their first exposure to tournament competition," organizers said. "The first day of the tournament with the new players is always an adventure. It is amazing watching their improvement as the tournament progresses."

As always, no fees were required for participating, as the Allegan Lions Club handles any related costs.

"With the support of the Allegan Lions Club, there are no entry fees to the players," organizers said. "The tournament is a good end of season finale for the Allegan Recreation Department's summer tennis program.

"The Allegan Lions Club and its sponsorship of the tournament is another factor in the continued success of our high school teams. Many former Allegan Lions Club participants have earned all-conference and all-state recognition."

In addition to the winners of the Lions Club be honored, awards were also given for various categories for the Summer Tennis Program.

Winning awards were: Noah Kuebler and Maddie Cook for the Volunteer Award; Wesley Goodspeed and Ellie Oram for Most Improved; Deacon VanderKooi and Lauren Mikolajczy for Sportsmanship; and Carson Woodhams and Savannah Woodhams for Most Dedicated.

Tournament results were:

GIRLS 10 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Tessa Peterson
Runner Up: Lilly Mashburn
Consolation Champion: Addy Carns

GIRLS 12 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Emily Gaulke
Runner Up: Ava Kievi
Consolation Champion: Everlie Waanders

GIRLS 12 & UNDER DOUBLES
Champions: Emily Gaulke/Ava Kievit
Runners Up: Lauren Mikolajczyk/Ecco Stull

GIRLS 14 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Camdyn Drozd
Runner Up: Madi Knoepk
Consolation Champion: Ava Thompson

GIRLS 14 & UNDER DOUBLES
Champions: Madi Knoepke/Hailey Gauthier
Runners Up: Savannah Woodhams/Genevieve Cooper

GIRLS 18 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Addy Fales
Runner Up: Sophia Augustine
Consolation Champion: Serenity Puente

GIRLS 18 & UNDER DOUBLES
Champions: Addy Fales/Camdyn Drozd
Runners Up: Sophia Augustine/Hanna Kievit

BOYS 10 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Holt Samuelson
Runner up: Harry Morgan
Consolation Champion: Hudson Morgan

BOYS 12 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Deacon Vander Kooi
Runner Up: Hudson Vance
Consolation Champion: Connor Fulks

BOYS 12 & UNDER DOUBLES
Champions: Deacon Vander Kooi/Cam Knoepke
Runners up: Hudson Vance/Connor Fulks

BOYS 14 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Ty Mikolajczyk
Runner Up: Cam Knoepke
Consolation Champion: Deacon Morgan

BOYS 14 & UNDER DOUBLES
Champions: Ty Mikolajczyk/Carter Vance
Runners Up: Karter Raab/Oedi Stull

BOYS 18 & UNDER SINGLES
Champion: Wesley Goodspeed
Runner Up: Noah Kuebler
Consolation Champion: Ezra Smith

BOYS 18 & UNDER DOUBLES
Champions: Carson Woodhams/Noah Kuebler
Runners Up: Ezra Smith/John DeLaet

10 & UNDER COED DOUBLES
Champions: Harry Morgan/Holt Samuelson
Runners Up: Delaney Diebold/Tessa Peterson

12 & UNDER MIXED DOUBLES
Champions: Emily Gaulke/Jace Cooper
Runners Up: Lauren Mikolajczyk/Hudson Vance

14 & UNDER MIXED DOUBLES
Champions: Camdyn Drozd/Cam Knoepke
Runners Up: Savannah Woodhams/Ty Mikolajczyk

18 & UNDER MIXED DOUBLES
Champions: Addy Fales/Carson Woodhams

Three players–(from left) Camdyn Drozd, Addy Fales and Emily Gaulke–won Triple Crowns at the Allegan Lions Club City Championship. (Photo provided)

Pictured are the players who one at least one championship at the 2025 Allegan Lions Club City Championship Tennis Tournament. (Photo provided)

Top Senior Student-Athletes: Hamilton

Jeren Bronkhorst carries the ball for Hamilton in a game last season. (Photo provided)

Jeren Bronkhorst

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Regardless of the season, recent Hamilton High School graduate Jeren Bronkhorst could be found participating in a sport.

In addition to playing four years of football and four years of basketball, he ran track for three years and was on the golf team one year.

And while he enjoyed each of those sports, one stood out above the others.

"Football ended up being my favorite sport in high school because it gave me the freedom to fly around the field and play physical," he said. "Also with that freedom, I was assigned to lead the defense and that was very important to me because I knew how much my teammates wanted to win.

"I also made connections through the games and practices. I made bonds with my teammates that will last a lifetime."

For his efforts on the gridiron—as well as the basketball court, track and golf course—Bronkhorst was named Male Senior Athlete of the Year at Hamilton.

The honor was a meaningful one for him.

"The Athlete of the Year Award was something I knew about as a very young kid because I would see the picture of previous winners on the wall," he said. "I wanted my name to be up there one day.

"And when I realized that I had the chance to be named the Athlete of the Year, I did everything in my power to make it happen. After I won the award, it meant a lot to me and it felt like I accomplished a massive goal in my life."

Of course, Bronkhorst didn't accomplish the goal alone, as family members, coaches and teachers helped him along the way.

When it came to coaches, two stood out in particular—former varsity football coach Phil Koops and JV basketball/AAU basketball coach Cody Cooper.

"Coach Koops and Coach Cooper had huge impacts on my develop-

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Kaitlyn Geurink

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

When asked about her favorite sport, recent Hamilton High School grad Kaitlyn Geurink doesn't hesitate to offer her answer.

"Basketball."

And why was hoops her favorite?

"I was always pretty good at it," she said.

She's also pretty good at being humble. Because "pretty good" is a rather large understatement when it comes to describing Geurink's abilities on the hardwood.

Twice she was named to the Division 2 All-State girls basketball team, garnering Honorable Mention accolades as a junior and Second Team honors as a senior.

It's easy to see why.

During her junior campaign, she averaged 18.6 points, 7.8 rebounds, 2.9 steals and 2.1 assists per game. Her scoring average was even higher as a senior, with her other numbers staying strong as well.

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Geurink ■ *from Page B1*

Those performances—along with her strong showing in volleyball—helped Geurink garner Female Senior Athlete of the Year for Hamilton's graduating class of 2025.

The impact of the honor wasn't lost on Geurink given her affinity for her hometown.

"I loved growing up with Hamilton," said Geurink, who played volleyball and basketball all four years during high school after picking up the sports around age nine. "It was great to play for all of the people I know and love.

"And it was an honor to be named Female Athlete at Hamilton. I appreciate everyone that made that possible."

Between her high school and travel seasons for basketball and volleyball, Geurink's schedule was pretty full.

That, however, didn't stop her from finding some down time.

And it shouldn't come as a surprise that those "down" moments also involved sports and outdoor activities.

"Sports definitely kept me very busy," she said. "But I also enjoyed going to other sporting events and fishing."

In addition to the All-State honors she received, career highlights for Geurink included reaching the 1,000 plateau in career scoring.

But for all of those individual accolades, it's another aspect of her time playing sports at Hamilton that sticks out to her.

"My favorite memories from high school athletics were all the laughs we would have during practice," she said.

Geurink, who fell in love with sports because of "how fun and competitive they were," is thankful for the lessons she learned through her playing career.

"Athletics gave me a good work ethic and taught me how to be responsible," she said.

Those are lessons she plans to take with her to Saginaw Valley State University, where she plans to study kinesiology and join the school's women's basketball team.

"My goal is for us to be at the top of the conference," she said.

And as she continues to progress in her basketball career, Geurink said she wants to keep having fun playing the sport she loves.

"My high school AAU coach had a big impact on me because she made me a better player while making basketball fun," she said. "I want to keep getting better and keep having fun."

Kaitlyn Geurink (No. 4) is seen with some of her teammates during her senior volleyball season at Hamilton. (Photo provided)

Bronkhorst ■ *from Page B1*

Jeren Bronkhorst

ment as a player and a person," Bronkhorst said. "Koops gave me a chance as a sophomore to play varsity football and start at linebacker. With that came a lot of responsibility. I grew a lot and fast as a player with his wisdom.

"I was a player for Coach Cooper for four-plus years, and some of those teams had many ups and downs. With those ups and downs, he taught us countless of life lessons that I carry with me."

Among the lessons Bronkhorst learned from Cooper and his other coaches was that there are things bigger than himself and that playing together as a team is required for winning.

"Sports also taught me that through hard work you will be rewarded and to always give 110 percent into every detail," he said.

In addition to the life lessons Bronkhorst will take with him, he also has plenty of memories from his representing Hamilton in athletics. And none of memories is more vivid that the night he and his teammates bested Unity Christian—the top-ranked boys basketball team in Division 2—by a score of 65-63 in overtime during his senior season.

"Beating the number-one team in the state in basketball is something I'll always remember," he said. "And beating Grand Rapids Christian on homecoming to secure a spot in the (football) playoffs for the first time since 2016 is also a special memory."

Bronkhorst hopes to make many more sports-related memories over the next four years, as he's headed to Saginaw Valley State University to play football

"Some of my goals are to work my way up and end up being a very impactful player for the Cardinals," he said.

And while he looks forward to playing in front of the home crowd at SVSU, he knows how special it was to play for the fans at Hamilton.

"To be a Hamilton athlete means a lot to me," he said. "The community always has your back through hard times and the good times.

"That also came with lots of responsibility. I had to hold myself to the high standard of being a Hawkeye and I'm very thankful I grew up around such a positive community."

Jeren Bronkhorst competes for Hamilton during the track season. (Photo provided)

Allegan Summer Tennis wraps up another successful season

The Allegan Summer Tennis Program recently wrapped up its 2025 season.

And, as usual, the long-running program brought out dozens of children to learn the fundamentals of the sport at the Gary Ellis Courts on the campus of L.E. White Middle School.

The youngest participants were part of the Tiny Tykes group (top right), which includes children as young as three.

The other children were part of the Future Stars group.

At bottom left is the 9 a.m. Future Stars group, while at bottom right is the 10 a.m. and evening Future Stars. (Photos provided)

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

July 31, 1950

Nix Griswold for school use: Allegan's school board learned last week that the board of directors of the Griswold memorial building had turned down their request for space to be used as classrooms.

The board said that full use of the building by local organizations prevents turning a part of the building over to the school system.

The school board has been conducting a canvass of the city in an attempt to find suitable space to handle an overflow of grade school pupils. The Griswold building was one of their main hopes.

In turning down the request, the Griswold board said "as you know, many users maintain programs of cultural or educational nature which have a most important part in our community life."

The Griswold board suggested three alternatives for the city's school housing problem.

July 31, 1975

Local barber gives autographed ball to Baseball's Hall of Fame: A bit of baseball memorabilia has left Allegan with Cooperstown, N.Y., its destination.

A baseball, owned by Allegan barber Joe Newton and signed by most of the 1935 World Champion Detroit Tigers, was donated by Newton to the Baseball Hall of Fame last week.

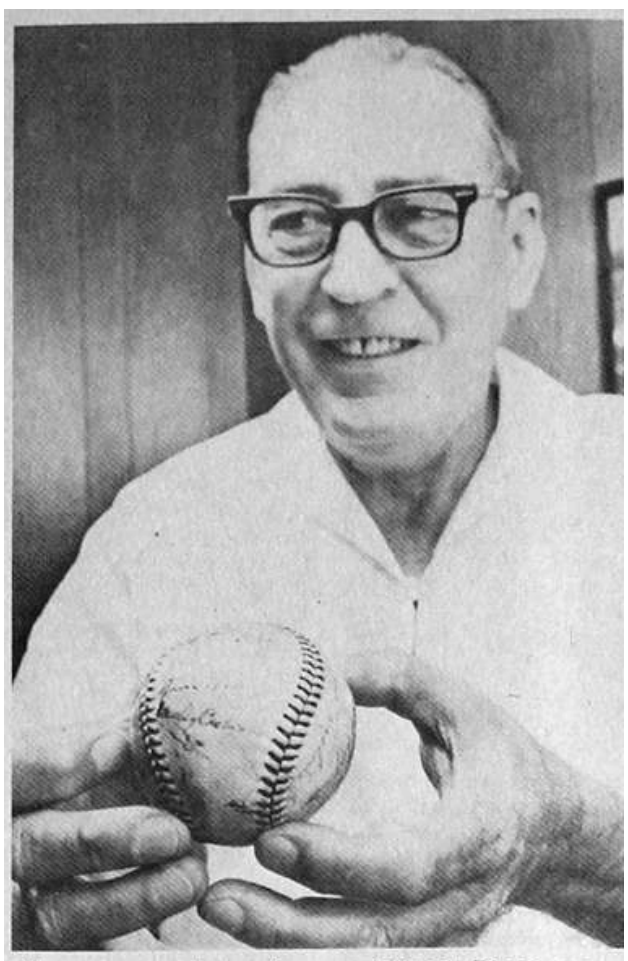
The ball has been a prized possession of Newton for 40 years, but he recently decided to turn it over to the national shrine lest something untoward should happen to hit.

He will receive a scroll as a memento of the gift.

Tommy Bridges, along with Lynwood "Schoolboy" Row—aces of the Tigers pitching staff of the era—instigated the signing of the ball for Newton, who was barbering near the then-quite-elite section of Detroit where several of the Tigers players lived.

Bridges and, on occasion, some of the other team members were often golfing partners of the Allegan resident at Rackham Golf Course.

Aug. 3, 2000



The names of two famous Detroit Tigers are visible on this baseball, autographed by most of the 1935 World Champions, which Joe Newton, holding the ball, this week presented to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. Newton's son Bill, who contacted the Hall to see if they were interested, found they were not only that, but they were surprised and pleased to find it was to be donated. The signatures of Hall of Famer Mickey Cochrane and "Goose" Goslin are quite clear in the picture.

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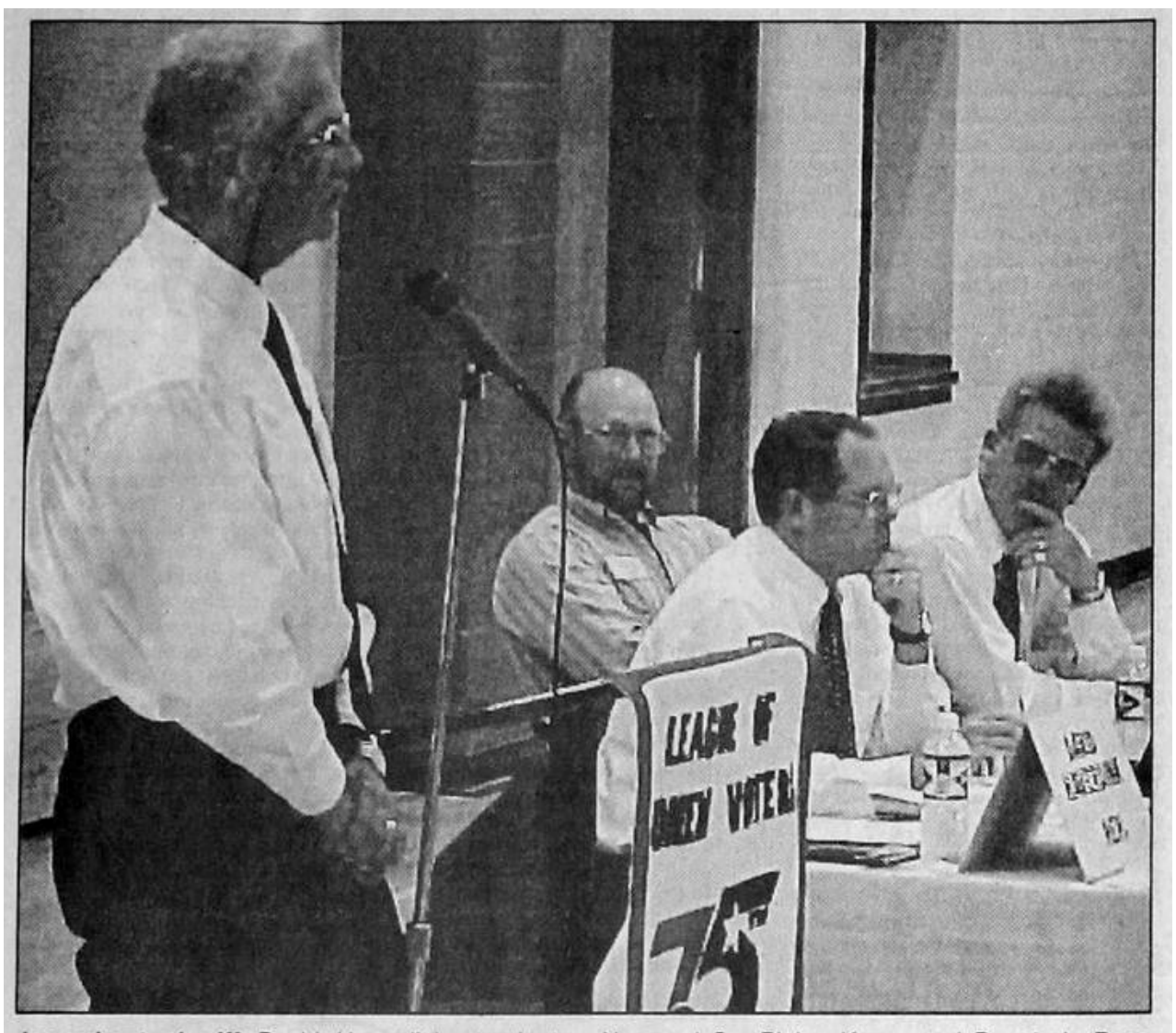

Incumbent sheriff David Haverdink stands to make a closing statement at the candidates' debate. His challengers (from left) Donald E. Norwood Sr., Blaine Koops and Dennis L. Ross await a turn at the microphone. (Photo by Dan Kelsey)

Candidates face public, respond to questions: All four candidates for Allegan County sheriff appeared on one dais to debate before voters Thursday, July 27. The League of Women Voters of Holland sponsored the forum in the gymnasium at Douglas Elementary.

Republicans David Haverdink, Blaine Koops and Donald E. Norwood Sr. and Democrat Dennis L. Ross passed the microphone back and forth during more than an hour of give and take.

The tone was amicable.

The format allotted each candidate three minutes for opening and closing statements. In between, a moderator posed questions written on slips of paper before the debate by an audience of about 60 people. Authors of the questions were not identified.

One person asked Koops how he felt about leaving the Holland Police Department. He said his years on the force had been a great experience that helped prepare him to be sheriff. Ross, in a lighter mode, offered a similar perspective on the question.

"I think Blaine's done a great job in Holland, and he should stay there," Ross said.

July 30, 2020

Dave Ashley and son Scott each record first hole-in-one on same day: Like father, like son.

That was certainly the case for Dave and Scott Ashley on Wednesday, July 8.

Because just two hours after Allegan resident Dave, 72, recorded the first hole-in-one in his four decades of playing golf, Scott, 48, matched the feat with his first hole-in-one, albeit more than 100 miles away.

Dave's ace came at Shamrock Hills Golf Course, while Scott's came at Lakeside Lynx Golf Course in Ludington.

"I have to say this is the highlight of my time golfing," Dave said. "I had through about what it would feel like to get a hole-in-one, but the experience is much better than I could imagine. The fact that my son Scott also got his first one a couple of hours later made it even more exciting.

"It's quite a story."

Scott couldn't think of a better scenario for his first hole-in-one.

"It feels amazing to be able to share this accomplishment on the same day with the guy who introduced me to this game and brought me up to learn to love it so much," Scott said.

Dave's one-in-one came on hole No. 12 at Shamrock Hills. It's a par 3 and covers 130 yards.

As he was preparing to start the second nine, Dave realized he probably should make some quick phone calls.

"I called my wife Pam, and she was as excited as I was," Dave said. "Then I called Scott and he was excited and happy for me."

Dave then continued playing. And when he got to the final hole of the day, it was his turn to receive a phone call from Scott.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Deaths

July 3, 2025

DOROTHY JOE ROBINSON, 84, Casco Twp.

July 8, 2025

JOYCE ELAINE HEUVELMAN, 92, Douglas

July 9, 2025

MARY LOU DEWITT, 84, Laketown Twp.

MICHAEL JOHN QUADE, 64, Sauatuck Twp.

July 10, 2025

LINDA LOUISE NICHOLS, 74, Allegan

July 11, 2025

SANDRA ERIKSON-DETWEILER, 76, Lee Twp.

July 12, 2025

STEVEN WARREN VOGT, 71, Salem Twp.

SHIRLEY RAE BROE, 97, Ganges Twp.

July 13, 2025

KELLY JO SMART, 57, Wayland Twp.

PAUL ADRIAN ALLEN JR, 53, Allegan Twp.

July 14, 2025

HANFORD ARTHUR BRINK, 82, Monterey Twp.

RANDALL SCOTT POST, 67, Wayland

ROGER ALAN DRAKE, 53, Cheshire Twp.

JAMES ROBERT CLEMONS, 66, Martin Twp.

July 15, 2025

CASTRENZE AMATO, 84, Wayland Twp.

RONALD DEAN MAYNARD, 65, Holland

ELAINE FRANCES HELMUS, 93, HOlland

July 16, 2025

WINNETTA DEJONG, 96, Holland

ROBERT MELSON, 74, Cheshire Twp.

July 18, 2025

DONALD ANDREW SEVIGNY, 88, Wayladn Twp.

July 19, 2025

ROBERT DALTON, 87, Allegan

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between July 15 and July 23:

JEFFERY ALLAN SMITH, Allegan, and **MICHELLE MARIE EMMONS**, Allegan

KIERSTEN NICCOLE CHICHESTER, Big Rapids, and **LARRY CHARLES HOPKINS JR**, Wayland

ALYSHA CHRISTINE BLUM, Otsego, and **WILLIAM MONROE NEELEY**, Otsego

BEZA BRIAN FITE, Platte, SD, and **JESSE CHRISTIAN KLAASEN**, Hamilton

KYRAN RICHARD CHARLES SOCHOR, Wayland, and **AUDRA KAYLEE COOK**, Wayland

AUDREY ROSE VERSLUIS, Allegan, and **CURTIS JAY EDNEY JR**, Allegan

BRADY MICHAEL HOWE, Holland, and **MORGAN ELIZABETH ZYLSTRA**, Saugatuck

SYLVIA LOUISE ANN PAYNE, EAU CLAIRE, and **LEROY WAYNE HOOPER**, Fennville

CHANDLER AARON WARDA, Allegan, and **SHELBY ANN TAUNTON**, Allegan

LEXI JO HEALY, Plainwell, and **COLIN JOSEPH DORGAN**, Allegan

MATTHEW MIGUEL SANCHEZ, Fennville, and **MERIDITH GRACE KLENK**, Fennville

NICOLE LOUISE ALFLEN, Shelbyville, and **SAMUEL H OBRIEN**, Dorr

PEYTON ROBERT MOLETTE, Dorr, and **EMMA RENEE MILLHOUPT**, Dorr

STEVEN CHARLES POLL, Plainwell, and **JANE LOUISE WESTRA**, Plainwell

BRANDON SCOTT COLLINS, Allegan, and **AMANDA MARJORIE ANN MCGINNIS**, Allegan

ALEC JAMES WEICK, Hopkins, and **JAMIE LYNN PETERMAN**, Muskegon

ARTHUR VANDERWEIDE II, Wayland, and **MARY RUTH DUBRIDGE**, Wayland

JEAN LOUISE WEINRICH, Dorr, and **CODY JOHN WALSH**, Dorr

MELISSA ANN DURFEE, Hamilton, and **JASON CHARLES VANDERKLOK**, Hamilton

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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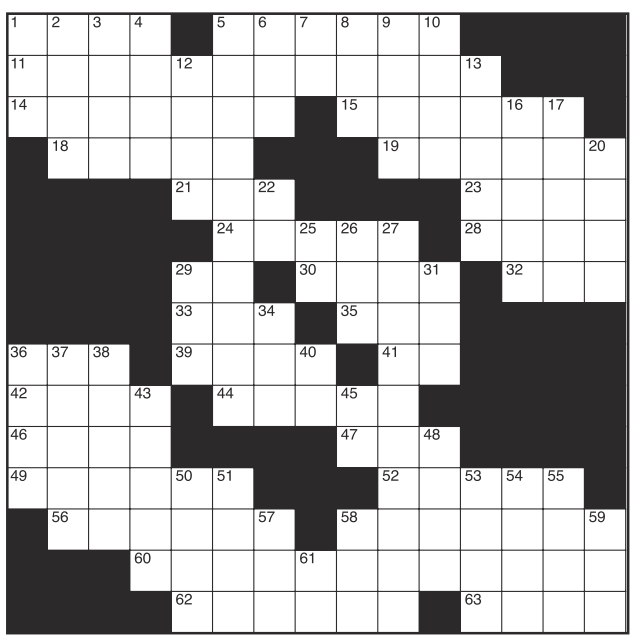

CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular potato snack
5. Guards the Pyramids
11. Furnish anew
14. Herb
15. Preoccupy the mind continually
18. The lowest adult male singing voice
19. NATO commander (abbr.)
21. A major division of geological time
23. New Zealand parrot
24. Notions
28. Lump in yarn
29. Indicates position
30. Lose hold of
32. Hindu honorific
33. Former OSS
35. Electronic data processing
36. Cost per mile
39. Snake-like fish
41. They start the alphabet
42. Taylor Swift's tour
44. Intermediate ecological stage
46. Scarlett's home
47. Of he
49. Ohio city
52. Breakfast item
56. An evening party
58. __ Falls
60. Linked together
62. Mythological spirits
63. Small Eurasian deer

CLUES DOWN

1. Earliest human form: __-Magnon man
2. Flavoring
3. Notion
4. Bundy and Fenwick are two
5. Qualities of sound
6. One who gets paid
7. Expresses surprise
8. O.J. trial judge
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. Shield bugs genus
12. Container for shipping
13. Upper body parts
16. Closes tightly
17. Nigerian World Heritage Site
20. Volcanic island in Fiji
22. Commercial
25. -__: denotes past
26. They __
27. Confraternities
29. A way to gain a point
31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
34. Brew
36. Badgers group
37. Sailing boat
38. __ Polo, explorer
40. Elder citizen (abbr.)
43. Frankish law code
45. Exclamation of surprise
48. Groan
50. It presses clothing
51. Do not allow
53. Gelatinous substance
54. Common Japanese surname
55. Present in nature
57. Electronic countermeasures
58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
59. Commercials
61. News agency

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In the early evening of Friday, July 25, 2025, participants listened to Michelle Hunt present Holbein Water Media and introduce the supplies. The free workshop was hosted at Brave Art Studio and Galleries, and those gathered worked in the garden to create their own pieces. Receiving guidance from Hunt and sharing ideas with others made this a wonderful, creative experience. Pictured: Mary Bak, Russell Foster, Kass Hilliard, Judy Hunt and Arlene Barber. Photo: Paulette Carr

Brave Art Studio hosted free classes

By Gari Voss

Paulette and Tim Carr at Brave Art Studio and Galleries promote local artists while encouraging new talent to explore and expand their skills. Not only have they been instrumental in advancing art in the Allegan area through Art Reach that displays the work of local artists at the Griswold Auditorium and City Hall, but they keep finding new events to hold around Allegan County and in the garden behind their studio.

Paulette is adamant about encouraging the shy artists to share their talents no matter what their medium of visual artistry. As she learns more about the artists across Allegan County, she is amazed at the breath of beautiful pieces they create but keep hidden.

The Carr's most recent undertaking has been to offer free workshops and invite all who are interested to roll up their sleeves and let their creative juices flow.

On Friday, July 25, 2025, 22 artists of all levels and backgrounds gathered in the Brave Art Garden to enjoy a presentation of Holbein Water Media by Michelle Hunt. Holbein is a respected art supply company in the United States and Canada. All supplies were provided by Holbein Paints, so participants could explore their water media products on Legion Papers.

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 1 pm, artist Marilyn Troutman gave a presentation on Pastels.

"One of my very favorite artists, Marilyn Troutman, generously agreed to present a talk on some tips and tricks for "painting" with pastels!" explained Paulette. "This talk was free as were the supplies to practice the techniques."

The sixteen participants were able to pick up new techniques to enhance their creations. Then they used student grade pastels and papers for practice. While many used the materials provided, participants were invited to bring their own pastels if they wished.

Troutman is a member of the Great Lakes Pastel Society and was able to share some of her wonderful pieces.

As the summer continues to unfold, Carr has organized the Monday Masters who meet at different locations at 9am to do Plein Art. On Monday, July 28th, they met at the Armintrout/Milbocker Preserve in Allegan. They will be at Monet's Garden in Muskegon on August 4th, and Windmill Island in Holland on August 11th. All are welcome to join in the open air experience.

Carr is also partnering with the Allegan County Community Foundation to create art in their public space. This is an extension of Art Reach to display art around Allegan. Paulette Carr is exhibiting in the ACCF space through August 31, 2025. Beginning September 1st, Mary Clare Johnson will be exhibiting in the space. Other businesses are welcome to contact Carr to arrange for displays in their public spaces.

"I just love creating art communities," explained Carr. "So often we create in a vacuum in our studios. The opportunity to create with other artists raises the level of art for everyone involved. As we get art out in the community, the community benefits from that energy in the form of the highest level of art available! Having the artists in the garden to present these free workshops is just two examples of artists lifting up artists! I couldn't be more excited to host these events and meet all the artists."

Pastel artist Marilyn Troutman was able to share with participants some of her pastel art, to give tips and tricks when "painting" with pastels, then encourage the artists to create. The free pastel workshop was hosted by Brave Art Studio and Galleries in Allegan on Saturday, July 26, 2025. Pictured: left. Marilyn Troutman. Right. Dan Fiorino, Tim Carr, Anna Adams, and Maryann Adams. Photos: Left - Maryann Adams. Right – Paulette Carr

Abandoned Wells

Got one?

The Allegan Wellhead Protection Program is looking for abandoned, unplugged wells.

Abandoned, unused, unplugged wells threaten groundwater resources and public health. Contaminants from the surface such as fertilizers, pesticides or other run off water, can easily move downward through the unsealed, abandoned well and enter the aquifer. These contaminants may end up in your drinking water well, your neighbors well or the local community drinking water wells.

The City of Allegan would like to identify any abandoned, unplugged wells in and around its wellhead protection zone and explore having them plugged. The zone extends east from the city of Allegan along the north side of M-222 east to 24th St.

If you are the owner of the abandoned, unplugged well and would like assistance in plugging the well. Please contact Allegan Water Utilities at 269-686-1117 or by emailing to Doug Sweeris at dsweeris@cityofallegan.org

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGAN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: Tuesday, August 12, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: County Services Building
Administration Board Room
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010
QUESTIONS: (269) 215-1918

The Allegan County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Apportionments on the above date, time, and location. The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the drainage district boundaries and the tentative apportionment of benefits for each parcel and municipality within the drainage districts for the drains listed below.

A licensed professional engineer has recommended lands be added or removed from the drainage districts listed in the chart below having a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries. A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or removed from the drainage districts, as well as a list of any county, township, city, or village to be assessed, for each of the drains can be found in the chart below.

The following chart contains the list of drains having a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Apportionments:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed	County, Township, City, or Village to be assessed:
Arndt Plat Drain	Dorr Township	22	22	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Black Creek Intercounty Drain	Overisel Township	1, 12, 13, 14, 23, 25, 26	12, 13, 14, 23, 25, 26	Allegan County, Overisel Township, Salem Township
	Salem Township	1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 17, 17, 18, 19, 30	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 30	
Blain Drain	Dorr Township	20, 21, 28, 29	21, 28, 29	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Blain No. 1 Drain	Dorr Township	20, 21, 28, 29	28, 29	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Boerman Drain	Overisel Township	23, 24	23	Allegan County, Overisel Township
Brown Drain #066	Dorr Township	3, 4	4	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Byron-Dorr Intercounty Drain	Dorr Township	1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 19, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	1, 12, 13, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35	Allegan County, Dorr Township, Leighton Township,
	Leighton Township	7, 18	7, 18	Salem Township
	Salem Township	1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29	1, 2, 3, 8, 17, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29	
Cedar Creek Drain	Dorr Township	15, 16, 17	15, 16, 17	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Chestog Drain	Salem Township	15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	Allegan County, Salem Township
Darga Drain	Salem Township	12, 13	11, 12, 13	Allegan County, Salem Township
Deerfield Run Drain	Dorr Township	15	15	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Dorr Commerce Centre Drain	Dorr Township	13	13	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Dorr Meadows Drain	Dorr Township	15	15	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Ebmeyer Drain	Salem Township	2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16	3, 9, 10, 15, 16	Allegan County, Salem Township
Fleser & Snyder Drain	Salem Township	13, 14, 24	13, 14, 24	Allegan County, Salem Township
Fox Lake Drain	Dorr Township	29, 30	29, 30	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Geib Drain	Overisel Township	13, 24	13, 24	Allegan County, Overisel Township, Salem Township
	Salem Township	18, 19	18, 19	
Gilbert and Wademan Drain	Leighton Township	7, 18	7, 18	Allegan County, Leighton Township
Grandy Intercounty Drain	Dorr Township	2,3	2,3	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Green Drain	Salem Township	8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21	8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21	Allegan County, Salem Township
Haan Drain	Salem Township	7, 17, 18	7, 17, 18	Allegan County, Salem Township
Heck Drain	Overisel Township	23, 24, 26	23, 24, 25, 26	Allegan County, Overisel Township
Herp Intercounty Drain	Dorr Township	3	3	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Herp Drain	Dorr Township	9	9	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Hidden Forest No. 3 & 4 Drain	Dorr Township	15	15	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Jacobs Drain	Salem Township	12, 13, 14	11, 12, 13, 14	Allegan County, Salem Township
Jones Drain (Dorr Township)	Dorr Township	2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15	2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Kleibusch Drain	Dorr Township	6, 7	6, 7	Allegan County, Dorr Township, Salem Township
	Salem Township	1	1	
Knoll Intercounty Drain	Salem Township	4, 5	4, 5	Allegan County, Salem Township
Krumback Drain	Dorr Township	17, 20, 21	17, 20	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Lenhart Drain	Dorr Township	5, 6, 7, 8	5, 6, 7, 8	Allegan County, Dorr Township, Salem Township
	Salem Township	1	1	
Lynch Drain	Dorr Township	17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30	17, 18, 20, 21, 29, 30	Allegan County, Dorr Township, Salem Township
	Salem Township	13	13	
Miller Drain	Dorr Township	5, 8	5, 8	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Moomey Drain	Salem Township	16, 17, 20, 21	17, 20, 21	Allegan County, Salem Township
Murphy Drain	Dorr Township	1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Allegan County, Dorr Township, Leighton Township
	Leighton Township	7, 18	7, 18	
Myers and Patterson Drain	Dorr Township	15, 16	15, 16	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Nichols Drain	Dorr Township	9, 10, 11, 14, 15	9, 10, 11, 14, 15	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Perry Drain	Dorr Township	21, 28	21, 27, 28	Allegan County, Dorr Township

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Perry Drain	Dorr Township	21, 28	21, 27, 28	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Pine Hills Drain	Dorr Township	21	21	Allegan Township, Dorr Township
Raab Drain	Salem Township	7, 8, 17	7, 8, 17	Allegan County, Salem Township
Red Run Drain	Dorr Township	1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14	1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14	Allegan County, Dorr Township, Leighton Township
	Leighton Township	7, 18	7, 18	
Red Run Estates Drain	Dorr Township	16	-	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Ritz Drain	Salem Township	2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 15	2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16	Allegan County, Salem Township
Rozema Drain	Dorr Township	1,2	1,2	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Schipper Drain	Overisel Township	1	1	Allegan County, Overisel Township, Salem Township
	Salem Township	6	6	
Secluded Pines Estates Drain	Dorr Township	15	15	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Shad Lake Drain	Dorr Township	17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30	17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Smith Drain #506	Dorr Township	4	4	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Snider Drain	Dorr Township	7, 8, 17, 18	7, 8, 17, 18	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Sommers Drain	Dorr Township	16	16	Allegan County, Dorr Township
South Drain	Dorr Township	16, 17, 20, 21	16, 17, 20, 21	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Sterling Drain	Dorr Township	2, 3, 10, 11	2, 3, 10, 11	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Sturm Drain	Dorr Township	5, 6, 7, 8	5, 6, 7, 8	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Sunny View Estates Drain	Dorr Township	16	16	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Sunny View Estates No. 2 Drain	Dorr Township	16	16	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Sunquest Acres Drain	Dorr Township	9	9	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Tanis Drain	Overisel Township	13, 24	13, 24	Allegan County, Overisel Township
Thomas Intercounty Drain	Dorr Township	4, 5, 6	4, 5, 6	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Weist Drain	Dorr Township	5, 6, 7, 8, 18	5, 6, 7, 8, 18	Allegan County, Dorr Township Salem Township
	Salem Township	1, 12, 13	1, 12, 13	
Welfare Drain	Dorr Township	2, 3, 9, 10, 11	2, 3, 9, 10, 11	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Wolf, Levett, Buer Drain	Dorr Township	14, 15, 16, 23	14, 15, 16, 23	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Wyman Drain	Dorr Township	21, 28, 29	21, 28, 29	Allegan County, Dorr Township

The following chart contains the list of drains having a Day of Review of Apportionments only. A list of any county, township, city, or village to be assessed, for each of the drains is included in the chart below.

Drain Name	County, Township, City of Village to be assessed:
Allen Drain	Allegan County, Hopkins Township
Cooke Farms Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Dolegowski Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Dorr Village Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Gillions Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Gray & Bastian Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Gulch Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Harvest Meadows Drain	Allegan County, Leighton Township
Hewitt Drain	Allegan County, Monterey Township
Hill Drain	Allegan County, Leighton Township, Wayland Township
Holbrook Drain	Allegan County, Wayland Township
Kettleman No. 1 Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Knuth Drain	Allegan County, Hopkins Township, Watson Township
McConnell Drain #344	Allegan County, Dorr Township
McConnell Drain #345	Allegan County, Dorr Township, Leighton Township
Neuman Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Pheasant Ridge Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Potts & Wagner Drain	Allegan County, Leighton Township
Sandy Hills Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Secluded Pines Estates No. 2 Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Steinke Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
South Centerline Drain	Allegan County, Dorr Township
Summer Creek Estates No. 2 Drain	Allegan County, Salem Township
Warnock Drain	Allegan County, Saugatuck Township City of Douglas, City of Saugatuck

Maps or descriptions of the current drainage district boundaries, along with any proposed revisions, can be found on the Drain Commissioner's website at: https://www.allegancounty.org/departments/drain-office/public-notices-events.

At the Day of Review:

- No appointment is necessary.
- The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals and make revisions where necessary.
- The computation of costs for the Drain will be available.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Comments

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments may also be submitted in writing before the date of the Day of Review to:

MAIL: **Allegan County Drain Commissioner**
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010

EMAIL: **allegancountydor@gmail.com**

Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

Assessments & Appeal

Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Allegan County Circuit Court within ten (10) days. You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Allegan County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

Leadership Program applications due July 31

By Gari Voss

Applications for the 2025-26 Allegan County Leadership Program are available until July 31, 2025. This program is designed for professionals, community leaders, residents, and any others who wish to deepen their understanding of Allegan County as they step into leadership roles that prepare for the future.

The Leadership Program is a program of the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) that encourages community members to get involved in their community through different leadership opportunities.

As Stephanie Calhoun, ACCF President & CEO, shared, "We've already seen participants from that first cohort step into leadership roles and pursue board service in the community. It's exciting to see the ripple effect this program is starting to have—not just for the individuals involved, but for the entire community."

The Allegan County Leadership Program (ACLP) focuses on developing collaborative leaders. Specially constructed workshops and experiences are designed to give participants opportunities to initiate conversations with local businesses, leaders, non-profits, and community members.

Over the course of nine months, October 2025 – June 2026, participants will:

- Visit sites across the county
- Engage with nonprofit and civic leaders
- Explore critical community issues like poverty and economic development
- Build lasting connections with fellow changemakers

Because of the dynamics of the program, attendance is mandatory for all scheduled meetings. The 2025-2026 schedule is: October 9th, 2025, November 13th, 2025; December 11th, 2025; January 8th, 2026; February 12th, 2026; March 19th, 2026; April 9th, 2026; May 2026 - opportunities to engage in volunteer opportunities with the ACCF Scholarship Program; and June 11th, 2026 – the graduation event.

Successful applicants will be notified by August 20, 2025. Chosen participants will pay a fee of $90 that will cover refreshments and all program materials.

For assistance or to have questions answered, contact Amanda at achappell@alleganfoundation.org or call 269.673.8344. Applications are available at https://www.jotform.com/form/251604744059155.

Tech Center
ALLEGAN AREA ESA

NOW HIRING
Health Care Instructor

The Allegan Tech Center is seeking a qualified **Classroom Instructor** for its **Health Occupations Academy & Health Care Science Foundations Program**. This 187-day position involves delivering high-quality, hands-on instruction to high school students pursuing careers in health care.

Qualifications:
- Valid Michigan Teaching Certificate or 4,000+ hours of recent, relevant experience
- Health care-related degree required (BSN, MSN, etc.)
- BLS Instructor certification (or willingness to obtain)

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 8/21/2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Kameron Christian Daugherty and Steven Daugherty. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for New American Funding, LLC. Date of mortgage: 1/12/2024. Mortgage recorded on 1/29/2024 as Document No. 2024001149, in Liber 4917, Page 236. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New American Funding, LLC. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $351,409.90 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF CASCO. THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST. Commonly known as 596 66th St, South Haven, MI 49090. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 07/10/2025. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-25-00210

(07-10)(07-31)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the Allegan County Courthouse, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on August 7, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the County Register of Deeds Office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ARW HOLDINGS, LLC, 3147 57th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 ("Mortgagor") to JEFFERSON/MILLARD GROUP, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, 1042 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, dated April 4, 2023 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, on April 20, 2023, at Instrument No. 2023005725 and assigned to ERICH SPECKIN, 3533 NW 83rd Way, Pembrooke Pines, FL 33024 ("Mortgagee"), pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage, dated April 25, 2023, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, on July 10, 2023, at Instrument No. 2023009898. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Three and 31/100 dollars ($394,303.31).

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Manlius, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, described as follows:

The Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, Except the East 20 acres thereof, except any portion thereof taken, deeded or used for highway purposes.

4880 126th Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408

Parcel Number: 14-036-002-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: July 10, 2025

Erich Speckin, Mortgagee

Michael F. Matheson

Matheson Law Firm

200 Woodland Pass, Suite F

East Lansing, MI 48823

(517) 993-6699

Attorneys for Mortgagee

7-10 7-31

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on AUGUST 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dallas Dickson, an unmarried man and Samantha Tilma, an unmarried woman, as joint, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Caliber Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 2, 2021 and recorded July 13, 2021 in Liber 4644, Page 194 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five and 7/100 Dollars ($234,245.07).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on AUGUST 21, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Cheshire, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST.

3840 104th Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49010

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: July 10, 2025

File No. 25-008989

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(07-10)(07-31)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, August 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ryan Perisee and Zoila Perisee, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2011, and recorded on November 15, 2011, in Liber 3563, Page 506, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated March 1, 2016 and recorded April 4, 2016 in Liber 4015, Page 793, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 21, 2023 and recorded February 21, 2023 in Liber 4837, Page 141, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and 39/100 ($76,615.39) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Ganges, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 5, Township 2, North, Range 16 West at a point 614.00 feet North 88 degrees 39 minutes 00 Seconds West of the East 1/4 Post of the Section; Thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds West on the 1/4 line, 326.80 feet; Thence North 250.00 feet; Thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 00 Seconds East 326.80 feet; Thence South 250.00 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 6831 123RD AVE, FENNVILLE, MI 49408 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: July 17, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00485-1

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

48th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY PROBATE

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 25-70304-CH

Court address 113 Chestnut Sireet, Allegan, Michigan 49010

Court telephone no 269-673-0300

Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

Estate of Jimmy Hull Jr.,

Tracy Davis, personal representative

3806 Yorkland Drive NW, Apt 12,

Comstock Park, Michigan 49321

v

Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

1996 Lib Cara Mobile Home NV#01L32908

4736 Rabbit River Drive, Lot #7

Hamilton, Michigan 49419

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to transfer title of mobile home. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before Auqust 15, 2025 . If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

6-24-2025

Judge Matthew Antkovial 59449

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Joyce Gabrys a/k/a Joyce Marie Gabrys, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 7, 2017 Recorded on April 14, 2017, Liber 4130, on Page 483, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight and 73/100 Dollars ($139,368.73) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Parcel A: A parcel of land being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan and being more particularly described as Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West, along the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 1202.64 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 400.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continue North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 320.05 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East, parallel with the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 558.57 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minute 40 seconds East, parallel with the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 320.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 306.64 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 36 seconds West, a distance of 126.07 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 125.00 feet to the point of beginning EXCEPT Part of the Northeast 1/4, Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds West 400.00 feet along the East line of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 59 seconds West 645.99 feet, parallel with the East-West 1/4 line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degrees 58 minutes 59 seconds West 306.64 feet; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 45 seconds West 126.07 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 03 seconds East 100.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 59 seconds East 432.98 feet; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds East 100.03 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel B: Part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the East-West one-quarter line of Section 3, distant North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds, West 1202.64 feet from the East one-quarter corner of Section 3 and proceeding thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West 183.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 66.00 feet; thence along the West line of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one quarter of Section 3, North 00 degrees 10 minutes 50 seconds West 734.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East 335.04 feet; thence North 81 degrees 48 minutes 09 seconds East 25.38 feet; thence South 08 degrees 11 minutes 51 seconds East 4.27 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East 524.32 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds East 267.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 210.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds West 70.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 558.57 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds East 720.05 feet to the point of beginning. Except that part taken, used, or deeded for road purposes. Commonly known as 6445 147th Ave, Holland, MI 49423 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

48th Judicial District

Judicial circuit

COUNTY PROBATE

ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 25.70574-CH

Hon. Matthew Antkoviak

Court address 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, Michigan 49010-1332

Court telephone no. 269.673.0300

Plaintiffs name(s), address(es), and telephone nos).

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.

Trott Law, P.C.

Jeanne M. Kivi P53647

31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334-5422

248.642.2515

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v

Defendant's name(s), address(es), and telephone no.

Anna Schwander

320 S Maple St

Fennville, MI 49408-5120

In the matter of NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing v. Anna Schwander, ef al.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, Anna Schwander cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

iT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s).

a. First-class mail to 320 S Maple St, Fennville, MI 49408-5120

b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 320 S Maple St, Fennville, MI 48408-5120

d. Other: Publication in the Allegan COunty News for three consecutive weeks per mlc 2.106.

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

7-10-2025

Judge Hon. Matthew Antkoviak P59449

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Postmus and Sarah Postmus, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: September 29, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 5, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $109,542.44

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning on the North line of Government Lot 2, Section 15, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, 746.00 feet West of the Northeast corner thereof, thence South 40 degrees East 142.08 feet; thence West about 242 feet to Kalamazoo River; thence Northwesterly along the river to the North line of said Government 2; thence East 200 feet to beginning

Common street address (if any): 5320 131st Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419-9691

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: July 24, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(07-24)(08-14)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE

25-155-DE

HON. KEVIN M. KANE P78385

Court address

Probate Court; Three Rivers Campus; 920 W. Michigan Ave., Three Rivers, MI 49093

Court telephone no.

(269) 467-5538

Estate of JAMES L. SCHMIDT, Deceased

Date of birth:* JULY 17, 1936

TO ALL CREDITORS:**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMES L. SCHMIDT, died April 25, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate

will be forever barred unless presented to SHIREEN CLINE, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Probate Court; Three Rivers Campus; 920 W. Michigan Ave., Three Rivers, MI 49093 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 1, 2025

BUSH & BUSH, By: Howard Bush P11467

140 East Second Street

Constantine, Michigan 49042

269-435-4705

Shireen Cline

412 Elkhart St.

White Pigeon, MI 49099

269-625-1638

08/01/2025

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kerisa F. DeSimone, unmarried and Shawn T. Wabeke, unmarried

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ruoff Mortgage Company, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: November 10, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 28, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $249,237.72

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence proceeding on the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, North 89 degrees 39 minutes 01 seconds East 258.84 feet; thence on a line parallel with the West line of the Northwest 1/4 Section 29, South 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds East 262.19 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds West 258.85 feet to the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds West 259.38 feet to the point of beginning.

Together With and Subject To a 12 foot wide potable water well and supply easement area over, under and across the following described land: Beginning at a point on the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, being South 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds East 255.38 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence proceeding South 89 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds East 131.28 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds West 12.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds West 131.17 feet to the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds West 12.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 2797 10th St, Shelbyville, MI 49344-9519

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: July 31, 2025

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

ALLEGAN COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Public Notices

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Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65764 and
JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwatwr
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Kenneth Harvey Cronkhite Date of Birth:*02/04/1962
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kenneth Harvey Cronkhite, died 04/21/25.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kenneth H. Cronkhite II, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
7/25/25
Kenneth H. Cronkhite II
4657 Barrington Club Dr.
Columbus, Ohio 43220
(614) 569-1602

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65731-DE and
JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater, P-74848
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Kathy Sue Mokma Date of Birth:*September 23, 1957
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kathy Sue Mokma, died June 17, 2025 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Matthew K. Mokma, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
July 24, 2025
James A. Donkersloot P30433
Donkersloot Law Office
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65703-DE and
JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Jason Carl Bailey Date of Birth:*05/11/1975
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jason Carl Bailey, died 06/09/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kayla C. Bailey, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
7/22/2025
James Mikel McEwen P53923
550 Lincoln Rd.
Otsego, MI 49078
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14953 32nd St.
Gobles, MI 49055
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
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Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65623-DE and
JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Grace Marie Blowers Date of Birth:*8/6/1949
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Grace Marie Blowers, died 3/1/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Elizabeth Jean Schut, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
7/22/2025
James Mikel McEwen P53923
550 Lincoln Road
Otsego, MI 49078
269/692-3665
Elizabeth Jean Schut (Blowers)
113 Anglers Drive North
Marathon, FL, 33050
305/458-9080

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 A.M., on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Andy Ai, a married man, sole owner, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to Consumers Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated October 30, 2020, and recorded on November 4, 2020, in Liber 4533, on Page 545, Allegan County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars and 41/100 Dollars ($152,317.41) plus accrued interest at 2.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan @ 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 18, 2025. Said premises are situated in the Township of Clyde, County of Allegan, State of Michigan and are described as: The South 208.75 feet of the West 208.75 feet of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 14, Town 2 North, Range 15 West. Commonly: 5159 118th Ave Fennville, MI 49408—Tax Id #04-014-014-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 31, 2025 Consumers Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340
(07-31)(08-28)

TO ALL CREDITORS: Deborah Lee Noteboom, who was born on April 20, 1951, died on June 4, 2025, as Grantor of the Deborah L. Noteboom Revocable Trust Agreement dated July 8, 2013, restated January 15, 2025 (the "Trust"). There is no personal representative of Deborah Lee Noteboom's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the Trust are notified that all claims against Deborah Lee Noteboom or the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Cory Noteboom, of 1504 Sheridan Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49001, within four months after the date of publication. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be distributed to the people entitled to it. Date: 7/23/2025 Strategic Planning Law Savannah Robinson (P85499) 967 Spaulding Ave. SE, Suite B2 Ada, MI 49301 (616) 229-9859 Deborah L. Noteboom Revocable Trust Agreement dated July 8, 2013 Cory Noteboom, Trustee 1504 Sheridan Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49001 (269) 267-2555
(07-31)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Casey Lynn Hill Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 1, 2023 Recorded on August 9, 2023, Liber 4877, on Page 378, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 62/100 Dollars ($317,153.62) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds West 129.04 feet along the South line of said Section 33; thence South 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds East 384.70 feet along the East line of said Section 4 to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds East 275.00 feet along said East lines; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds West 363.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds West 275.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds East 363.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2380 54th St, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
1568350
(07-31)(08-21)

TOWNSHIP OF GANGES

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ganges Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing and regular meeting concerning variance request applications on Wednesday August 20, 2025 6:00 p.m. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th Street, Fennville.

Please take further notice that the matter to be considered at the public hearing include the following:

Gary Hatten and Rebecca Clifford have petitioned for variances from the 3.09 fence regulations at 7054 Glenn Oaks Dr 0307-220-012-00. The fence height not to exceed 4 feet in height within the front setback street; fence is 6 feet in height. Also type of fence, to use single strand wire fencing.

Iris Boettcher has petitioned for a front setback variance to construct an addition at 1339 Fabun Road 0307-204-009-00. Required front setback 40 feet; request relief of 23 feet (end of steps to be 17ft from property line)

Written correspondence may be submitted to the Clerk at 1904 64th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 up to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing.

Anyone interested in reviewing the related applications may contact the Zoning Administrator 1-800-626-5964 or email mtsallegan@frontier.com to request a digital copy.
Necessary and reasonable aids for disabled persons will made available with sufficient notice to the clerk.

Robin Phelps
1904 64th Street
Fennville MI 49408
269-543-8316

Notice

of Public Hearing
Gun Plain Charter Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act") the Planning Commission of Gun Plain Charter Township will hold public hearing to deliberate and possibly take action on the following items on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall, located at 381 8th Street, Plainwell, Michigan:

1. Amendments to the Gun Plain Charter Township for several text amendments to the Gun Plain Charter Township Zoning Ordinance in relation to purpose, lot size requirements, setbacks and permitted uses in the following zoning districts:
a. Chapter 4, Agricultural
b. Chapter 5, R-1 Very Low Density
c. Chapter 6, R-2 Low Density Residential
d. Chapter 7. R-3 Medium Density Residential
e. Chapter 8, LR Lake Residential District

2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours or online at www.gunplain.org.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Township Supervisor at the Township Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 20th. 2025. If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodation may be made.

MICHAEL VANDENBERG, SUPERVISOR
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
269-685-9471

CLASSIFIEDS

Auction

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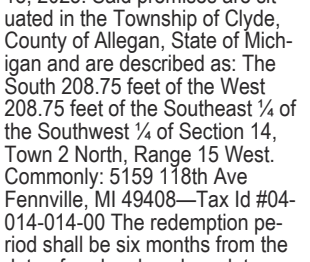

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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

RELIGION SECTION

I subscribe to a weekly newsletter from the delightfully eccentric Jacob Rees-Moog, former Member of Parliament, from England. He is so retro that he is sometimes referred to as the "Ambassador from the Nineteenth Century." His clothes, automobile, words, and almost everything else are genuine vintage. However, he is no foppish character. When he speaks or writes, his mind is firing on all eight cylinders.

Recently he wrote about some changes in English law regarding assisted suicide. I realize some people would dismiss this because it pertains to the United Kingdom and not the United States. That might not be wise because ideas flow freely back and forth between the two nations. Already there are laws in several states allowing this practice, both at the beginning and the end of life.

I am not getting into a debate about freedom of choice or right to life, nor about terminating human life near the end of a long and terminal illness. Rather, I want to shift our focus to an emphasis on the dignity of life from birth until physical death. Rees-Mogg cites the life of Saint Macrina of Cappadocia as an example.

Living at about the same time Constantine proclaimed Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire, and the sister of two great early church fathers, she devoted her life to prayer and contemplation. However, during times of war, famine, and disease, she left the convent to tour the local refuse dumps. Sometimes she found weak and elderly people, discarded by family and friends because they were no longer productive. She took them home to the convent. She went in search of abandoned babies whose parents had no means to feed yet another child. She rescued many of them, most of them girls because baby girls were considered the least valuable persons.

Today, abandoning a child or an elderly person, is illegal, and our society does everything to prevent it from happening. But as we look at our culture, do we see it as a culture of life or death? Are we living in a vast spiritual desert where an individual only has value if they are contributing to the rest of society? Have we lost our belief in God who teaches there is dignity in all life that far surpasses utilitarian value?

Those are challenging questions for us, and often they are hard to look at and explore. It is far easier to divert our attention to something else. For Christians, how we care for our neighbor is truly doing the work of Christ. In the Episcopal communion, as well as others, when we renew our baptismal vows we promise before God and one another that we will do our best to uphold the dignity of all persons. All persons - not just those who look and sound like us, or economically contribute to the nation's coffers.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
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Church: 673-6577

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700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
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Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

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Paster Ray Brown

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Fr. Simon Manjooran
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673-5040 1-888-354-3272

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Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
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Bob Lynch, Pastor
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www.fpcallegan.org
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Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

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PO Box 1
4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
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Pastor Mike Drew
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Pastor Nicole Smith
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Otsego United Methodist Church
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Otsegomethodistchurch.org

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Otsego, MI 49078
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Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
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www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
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Plainwell First Baptist Church
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Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
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www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
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616-218-1556
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1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

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201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

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11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
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Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

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www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

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1652 M-40 North, Allegan
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Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
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VILLAGE MARKET
FOOD CENTERS
YOUR HOMETOWN STORE

2025: AD EFFECTIVE DATES

MON. JULY 28	TUES. JULY 29	WED. JULY 30	THUR. JULY 31	FRI. AUG. 1	SAT. AUG. 2	SUN. AUG. 3

Village Market, All Natural
Pork Baby Back Ribs
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

Fresh Chicken Drumsticks
Regular or Smokehouse Dry Rub BBQ Seasoned
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

True Blue Farm Michigan Blueberries
pint
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $3.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Fresh Express Salad Kits
5 - 11 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $4.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Sandwich Bags
30 - 150 ct.
BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!
Save at least $2.39 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Pasta
12 - 16 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $1.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Pasta Roni or Rice A Roni
4.3 - 7.2 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $2.50 on 2

Select Varieties
Noosa Yogurt
4.5 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $1.50 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Sour Cream or French Onion Dip
8 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $1.69 on 2

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Cereal
7.8 - 12.6 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $3.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Potato Chips
7.75 - 8 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $5.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Stroh's Ice Cream
48 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $6.99 on 2

VILLAGE EXPRESS MARKET

Fuel Savings!

We offer you more ways to save in store and at the pump!

save 15¢ On Each Gallon of Fuel!
Buy (1) 1/2 Dozen Large Eggs and receive 15¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)

save 25¢ On Each Gallon of Fuel!
Spend $75 or more on groceries and receive 25¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)

best savings 40¢ On Each Gallon of Fuel!
Buy (1) 1/2 Dozen Large Eggs and spend $75 or more on groceries and receive 40¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)

*Excludes tobacco, lottery, stamps, gift cards, western union, money orders, bottle deposits and sales tax. Limit 1 offer per transaction, per customer. Promo valid 14 days. See store for more details.

We reserve the right to limit quantities. We are not providing rain checks due to supply chain issues.

Fresh Produce

At Great Prices!

Seedless Watermelon
each
$4.99

Extra Large Seedless Green or Red Grapes
$2.99 lb.

Home Grown
Sweet Corn
5/$2

Our Family Whole Mushrooms
12 oz.
2/$4

Our Family Idaho Russet Potatoes
8 lb.
$2.99

Sweet Vidalia Onions
$1.29 lb.

Organic PRODUCE

Select Varieties

Organic Green or Red Seedless Grapes
$3.49 lb.

Organic Sunset Angel Sweet Tomatoes
pint
$3.49

Earthbound Farm Organic Salad Mixes
5 oz.
$4.99

floral center

10-Stem
Michigan Gladiolas
each
$6.99

Watermelon Bouquet
each
$14.99

Fresh Deli

Boar's Head
Available At Our Allegan Location Only.

Boar's Head Deluxe Ham
$9.99 lb.

Boar's Head Oven Gold Turkey..... **$12.99 lb.**

Boar's Head Colby Jack Cheese..... **$9.49 lb.**

Boar's Head Yellow or White American Cheese
$7.99 lb.

Old Tyme Deli Ham
Virginia Smoked or Honey
$6.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

Old Tyme Deli Mini Horn Cheese
Colby, Colby-Jack or Pepper Jack
$5.99 lb.
Save at least $1.00 lb.

Select Varieties
BelGioioso Italian Cheese
5 oz. cup .....
Save at least 60¢
$3.99

Reser's Sour Cream Cheddar Macaroni Salad....
Save at least 60¢ lb.
$3.99 lb.

Rice or Tapioca Pudding .....
Save at least $1.30 lb.
$3.99 lb.

Grab 'N Go
12-Piece Deli Fried Chicken
$17.99
Save at least $1.00

Deep Fried Chicken Wing Zings
$7.99 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

$5.99 Daily Lunch Specials

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Monday, July 28:
1/2 Panini of the Day
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Tuesday, July 29:
Chopped Steak
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Wednesday, July 30:
3-Piece Dark Meat Chicken
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side (Limit 1 Breast)

Thursday, July 31:
Pork Chops
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Friday, Aug. 1:
Chicken Tenders
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Fresh Bakery

Not Available In All Stores.

Fresh Baked
Old World Italian or Asiago Bread
20 oz.
$3.29
Save at least 70¢

Fresh Baked
Kaiser Buns
6 ct.
$2.99
Save at least 70¢

Fresh Baked
Blueberry Pie
8-Inch
$7.99
Save at least $1.00

Two Bite Cinnamon Roll Tubs
10.5 oz.
$5.49
Save at least 50¢

Fresh Baked
Glazed Iced Croissants
2 ct.
$2.69
Save at least 30¢

Assorted Varieties
Sliced Loaf Cakes
14 oz.
(includes blueberry)
$6.59
Save at least 40¢

TENDER RIDGE ANGUS
TENDERNESS AT ITS PEAK

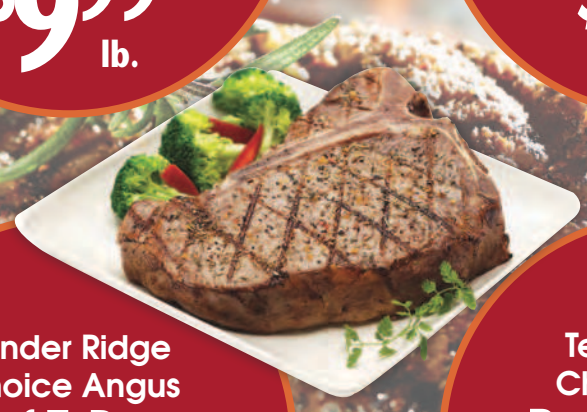
STEAK sale!

Tender Ridge Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Chuck Tender Steak
$7.99 lb.

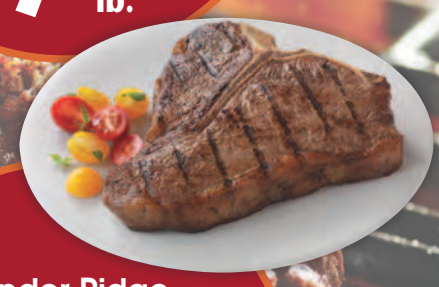
Tender Ridge Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Sirloin Tip Steak
$9.99 lb.

Tender Ridge Angus
Boneless Beef Bottom Round Steak
$7.69 lb.

Tender Ridge Choice Angus
Semi-Boneless Beef New York Strip Steak
$12.99 lb.



Tender Ridge Choice Angus
Beef T-Bone Steak
$13.99 lb.



Tender Ridge Choice Angus
Porterhouse Steak
$14.49 lb.

Village Market Certified Fresh
Ground Beef
5 lb. or more pkg.
$4.99 lb.

Certified Fresh Ground Beef 3 lb. or more pkg. $5.29 lb.

Village Market Fresh
Bulk Chicken Drumsticks
5 lb. bag
$4.99

All Natural Fresh, Grade A Open Acres Split Chicken Breast $2.19 lb.

Village Market Fresh
Ground Beef Burger Patties
Family Pack
$5.99 lb.

Village Market All-Natural, Fresh
Boneless Pork Tenderloin
$3.49 lb.

Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Village Market Store Made
Pork or Chicken Kabobs
$8.99 lb.

Village Market Store Made
Brats
Featuring: Pepperjack or Spinach and Mushroom
$3.99 lb.

Village Market Store Made
Fresh Maple Bulk Pork Sausage
$3.29 lb.

Village Market Store Made
Cheddar Pork Link Sausage
Family Pack
$3.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs or Franks
(16 oz.), or Smokies Smoked Sausage (14 oz.)
2/$7

Select Varieties
Eckrich Sausage Links, Grillers or Sausages
8.3 - 14 oz.
2/$7

Premium
Smithfield Sliced Bacon
16 oz.
$5.99

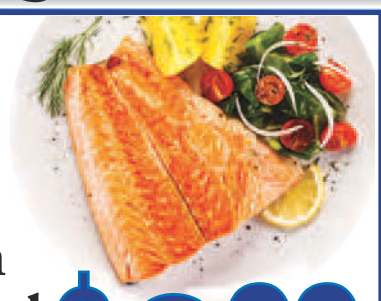
Select Varieties
Smithfield Prime Fresh Lunch Meat
7 - 8 oz.
$3.99

MorningStar Farms Assorted Frozen Varieties
5.25 - 10.5 oz.
2/$7 When You Buy 2

Lesser or More Qty.'s $4.50 Each

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Uploaded Lunchables
13.9 - 15.46 oz.
$3.99

tasty seafood



Farm Raised Coho Salmon
$8.99 lb.

Superior Select Smoked Whitefish Spreads
7 oz. $5.99

Peeled & Deveined, Tail-On
Our Family Cooked Shrimp
31 - 40 ct., 16 oz. $8.99

Peeled & Deveined
Our Family Raw Shrimp
21 - 25 ct., 16 oz. $8.69

AquaStar Peppercorn Salmon
1.25 lb.
$13.99

Blueberry Sale

True Blue Farm Michigan Blueberries
5 lb. box

$15.99

Store Made Blueberry Brats
$3.49 lb.

Calhoun Bend Mix
Blueberry Crumble, Cobbler Peach, Crisp Apple or Crunch Cherry
8 oz.

2/$7

Our Family Blueberry Pie Filling
21 oz.

$3.99

Martha White Muffin Mix
Blueberry Cheesecake or Blueberry Muffin
7 oz.

2/$3

Betty Crocker Blueberry Muffin Mix
6.5 oz.

3/$4

Krusteaz Gluten Free Blueberry Muffin Mix
15.7 oz.

$4.99

Krusteaz Wild Blueberry Muffin Mix
14.1 oz.

$3.99

Breakfast Bargains

Store Made Original Bulk Pork Sausage
Family Pack

$2.99 lb.

Select Varieties Our Family Coffee K-Cups
12 ct.

$5.99

Select Varieties Our Family Ground or Whole Bean Coffee
10 - 12 oz.

$6.99

Select Varieties Kellogg's Pop-tarts
(12 ct.), Bites or Poppers (5 - 7 oz.)

$3.49

Select Varieties Jimmy Dean Breakfast Bowls
7 oz.

3/$10

Select Varieties Our Family Waffles or Pancakes
10 - 12 ct.

2/$5

Mr. Dell's Southern Style or Regular Hash Browns
30 - 32 oz.

$3.99

Select Varieties Our Family Bagels
Everything or Plain
20 oz.

2/$6

Select Varieties Dutch Farms Cream Cheese
8 oz.

2/$4

Select Varieties Our Family Instant Oatmeal
8 - 12 ct.

2/$5

Select Varieties Our Family Granola
11 - 12 oz.

2/$6

Select Varieties Kellogg's Cereal
7.8 - 12.6 oz.

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!

Select Varieties Our Family Cereal
28 - 32 oz.

$3.99

savings - selection - service - quality - value

Assorted Varieties
Coca-Cola Products
6 pk., 7.5 oz. mini cans
(plus deposit)
$4.99

Assorted Varieties
Coca-Cola Products
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)
2/$15

Assorted Varieties
Dasani Water
(24 pk.) or **Monster Energy Drinks**
(4 pk., 16 oz. cans)
(plus deposit)
$6.99

Save at least $4.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Jax Cheese Curls
8.5 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Zapps Kettle Chips
8 oz.
2/$6

Save at least $4.79 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.
(plus deposit) or **Propel** (6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
3/$13

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
(24 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit)
or **Gatorade** (18 pk.)
$10.99

Save at least $6.47 on 3

Select Varieties
Doritos Tortilla Chips
(9 - 10.75 oz.) or **Ruffles Potato Chips** (5.5 - 8.5 oz.)
2/$8

Save at least $3.48 on 2

Mars Gummies
Gummisaver Collision, Skittles Original Gummies, Gummisavers Flavor or Gummisavers Wild Berry
5.8 - 7 oz.
$1.79

Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Cheez-It, Oyster, Toasteds or Town House Crackers, 9 - 21 oz.
$5.49

Save at least 50¢ on 1

Coors: Light or Banquet
or **Miller Lite**
(15 pk., 12 oz. cans),
The Finnish Long Drink:
Traditional, Zero, Cranberry or Peach (6 pk.),
Coors: Banquet or Light or
Miller Lite
(9 pk., 16 oz. aluminum btl.),
Coors: Banquet or Light or
or **Miller:** Genuine Draft or Lite
(12 pk. btls.),
Budweiser: Regular or Light
(15 pk. cans) or
Busch Light (18 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit)
$12.99

Save at least $1.00 on 1

Red Vines Original Red Twists
14 oz.
2/$5

Save at least $2.38 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Glacéau Smart Water
1 liter
2/$4

Assorted Varieties
Lipton Tea
(12 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.) or
Pure Leaf Tea (6 pk., 16.9 oz.)
$5.99

Assorted Varieties
Smirnoff Ice
6 pk.
$9.99

Assorted Varieties
St. Julian Drinks
750 ml
$9.99

Franzia Wine
Chillable Red, Rhine Crisp White, Red Sangria or Sunset Blush
5 liter
$17.99

Select Varieties
Honey Maid Graham Crackers
12.2 - 14.4 oz.
2/$9

Select Varieties
Planters Peanuts
16 oz.
2/$7

Select Varieties
Aunt Millie's Stadium Buns
(6 - 8 ct.), **Homestyle or Family Style Bread** (22 oz.) or **Homestyle Buns**
(8 ct.)
2/$5

Save at least $2.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Jell-O Gelatin or Pudding Mix
.3 - 3.9 oz.
2/$3

Save at least 38¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Dawn Dishsoap
10.1 - 18 oz.
2/$6

Save at least $1.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Cascade Dishwasher Pacs
9 - 25 ct.
$5.49

Select Varieties
Our Family Ketchup
(24 oz. squeeze) or **Mustard** (12 oz.)
2/$3

Save at least 78¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Pasta Sauce
24 oz.
2/$4

Save at least 50¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Ultra Bath Tissue
12 Rolls
$9.99

Save at least $4.50 on 1

Select Varieties
Brawny Paper Towels
3-Ply
6 ct. double roll
$11.99

Select Varieties
Cheetos Mac N Cheese
5.6 - 5.9 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Knorr Pasta or Rice Sides
4 - 5.7 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Chicken of the Sea Canned Fish
2.5 - 5 oz.
3/$4

Cheez-It Grab 'N Go Single Serve
Original or White Cheddar
3 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent
84 oz.
$13.49

Save at least $1.50 on 1

Select Varieties
Downy Liquid Fabric Enhancer
88 oz.
$9.99

dairy savings - dairy savings

Select Varieties
Our Family Milk
half gallon
$2.19
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Kemps Orange Juice
half gallon
$3.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Country Fresh TruMoo Milk
half gallon
$2.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Kozy Shack Pudding
6 pk. or 22 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 70¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Shredded Cheese
32 oz.
$6.99
Save at least $2.50 on 1

Our Family Half & Half
16 oz.
$1.99
Save at least 40¢ on 1

Dutch Farms Cheese Melt Processed Loaf
2 lb.
$5.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Dutch Farm Cheese Cups
5 oz.
$2.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
Stroh's Ice Cream
48 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!
Save at least $6.99 on 2

Our Family Ice Cream Cones
Sugar or Cake
12 ct.
$1.69

Select Varieties
TombStone Pizza
Original
20.6 - 22.1 oz.
2/$8
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Syrup
22 - 24 oz.
$2.69
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream Novelties
4 pk.
2/$7
Save at least $2.48 on 2

Our Family Garlic Bread, Texas Toast or Breadsticks
11.5 - 16 oz.
2/$5
Save at least 69¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Hungry Man Frozen Dinners
14.5 -1 6 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Banquet Pot Pies
7 oz.
3/$4
Save at least 17¢ on 3

Select Varieties
Totino's Rolls
100 ct.
$9.99
Save at least $3.00 on 1

health & beauty and general merchandise

Bug Spray

Coleman Yard & Camp Fogger
16 oz.
$8.99

Select Varieties
Off! Bug Spray
4 - 6 oz.
$9.99

Raid Flying Insect Killer
18 oz.
$7.99

Raid Wasp & Hornet BNS
17.5 oz.
$7.39

Select Varieties
Simply Done Batteries
2 - 8 ct. **$6.99**

Simply Done Light Bulbs
LED A19 2700K DIM 60 W
4 pk. **$9.99**

Simply Done Broom with Dust Pan
each **$12.99**

Simply Done Invisible or Masking Tape
1 ct. ..... **2/$3**

TopCare

TopCare Allergy Tabs or Softgels
24 ct.
$2.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Cough Drops
25 - 30 ct.
2/$3

TopCare Cold or Flu Relief Day or Night Softgels
16 ct.
$4.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Bandages
10 - 60 ct.
2/$3

Select Varieties
TopCare Liquid Hand Soap
7.5 oz.
2/$3

TopCare Dental Floss
Regular or Mint Waxed
100 yd.
$1.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Razor Single Blade Disposable
(6 ct.), **Net Sponge** (1 ct.), **Nailcare** (1 - 16 ct.), **Cotton Balls Triple Sized** (100 ct.) or **Toothbrush** (1 ct.)
4/$5

TopCare Aloe Vera Gel
16 oz. **$3.99**

Select Varieties
Colgate Toothpaste
(4.6 - 5.1), **Mouthwash** (1 liter) or **Toothbrush** (1 ct.) **$4.99**

Select Varieties
Old Spice or Secret Deodorant
2.6 - 3.25 oz. ..... **2/$9**

Select Varieties
Softsoap Body Wash
20 oz. **$6.99**

Select Varieties
Irish Spring Body Wash
20 oz. **$5.99**

Select Varieties
Coppertone Sunscreen
(.49 - 6 oz.) or **Hawaiian Tropic Sun Lotion or Tanning Oil**
(6 - 8 oz.)
$9.99

Select Varieties
Boost Regular or High Protein Shakes
6 pk.
$11.99

Select Varieties
VO5 Shampoo or Conditioner
15 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Herbal Essences or Pantene Pro-V Shampoo or Conditioner
(7 - 12 oz.) or **Herbal Essences Detangling Spray** (7 oz.)
$4.99

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5% Senior Discount
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WEDNESDAY ONLY
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PLEASE PRESENT COUPON BEFORE STARTING PURCHASE.
COUPON VALID WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 ONLY!

RIBFEST

FRIDAY, August 1, 2025

Colon & Allegan Only
11 AM - 6 PM

MOUTHWATERING RIBS, READY TO EAT

Fully Cooked
Smoked BBQ Ribs
Slab of Ribs Full Rack
With or Without Sauce
each
$13.99

Sandridge Potato Salad
Mustard or American
$1.99 lb.
Save at least $1.00 lb.

Corn
On-the-Cob
5 ct. pkg.
$4.99

Yoder's Amish Baked Beans
$4.99 lb.
Save at least 60¢ lb.

King's Hawaiian Rolls
12 ct., 12 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $1.20

Garlic Bread
In Foil Bag for Grilling
each
$2.99
Save at least 50¢

Snack & Beverage Sale

Select Varieties

Pringles Snack Stacks Potato Crisps

12 pk.

$6.99

Select Varieties

Planters Mixed Nuts or Cashews Halves & Pieces

8 - 10.3 oz.

$5.99

Select Varieties

Nabisco Chips Ahoy! Cookies

9.5 - 13 oz.

2/$7

Select Varieties

Our Family Pickles

16 - 24 oz.

2/$5

Select Varieties

Crystal Light Powdered Drink Mix, 6 ct.

2/$6

Select Varieties

CapriSun or Country Time Drink Pouches

10 ct.

$3.99

Select Varieties

Little Hug Fruit Barrels

20 ct.

$5.99

Select Varieties

Sparkling Ice Flavored Sparkling Water

17 oz. (plus deposit)

5/$5